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# STEEL STEALING

## MAN OF STEEL

BY  
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AND  
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A SERIES OF JAILBREAKS HAVE OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY...IN EACH CASE, ONE WEALTHY PRISONER HAS BEEN CAREFULLY SHIELDED AND HELPED TO FREEDOM.



AT A FEDERAL PENITENTIARY IN A MID-WESTERN STATE

JOHN DEITZ, FAMOUS MILLIONAIRE TAX EVADER, IS SURROUNDED BY OTHER CONVICTS...

GET 'EM IN TH' CAR, QUICK!

GET IN, DEITZ! MOVE!



...AND ESCORTED TO A CAR, WHICH SPEEDS THROUGH THE GATES OF FREEDOM!

PRETTY SLICK GET-AWAY, EH, DEITZ?





THE CAR ARRIVES AT A MOUNTAIN HIDE-OUT

OKAY, MONEY-BAGS. HERE WE ARE



WELL, I SEE TH' BOYS HAVE 'BAGGED THE LIMIT IN THIS TRAP. HERE THEY ARE!



YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME MUCH CHOICE!

WELL, MR. DEITZ, I TOLD YOU WE'D SPRING YOU. WASN'T IT WORTH A HALF-MILLION TO GET OUT OF THAT PLACE?



THAT'S NOT VERY KIND, DEITZ! MY MAN CONTACTED YOU IN JAIL AND GAVE YOU SEVERAL CHOICES, IF YOU REMEMBER!



SURE! PAY OR GET KILLED. I'M GOING TO TELL THE AUTHORITIES THE TRUTH AS SOON AS GET OUT OF HERE



TOO BAD, DEITZ! IF YOU'D ONLY LISTENED TO REASON, YOU'D BE A FREE MAN INSTEAD OF A DEAD ONE!

NO! DON'T-UGH!

BANG BANG



WHERE'LL WE PUT THE BODY, CHIEF?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ....JUST GET RID OF HIM, THAT'S ALL!



YOU SEE, FOLKS, WHILE YOU WERE ATTENDING INFERNO'S TRIAL, SOMETHING ELSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING THAT HAS THE POLICE GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES

WHAT IS IT, STEEL?

MEANWHILE AT THE HOME OF DORA CUMMINGS



THESE PRISON BREAKS AROUND THE COUNTRY! IN EACH CASE, SOME WEALTHY PERSON HAS ESCAPED.... IT CAN'T JUST BE COINCIDENCE! SOMEONE IS BEHIND THESE CRIMES! AND FOR A GOOD REASON!



HOW DO WE FIT IN THE PICTURE, STEEL?

I HAVE IT ALL PLANNED, CLANCY! I'M GOING TO KIDNAP SOMEONE, HOLD HIM FOR RANSOM, AND THEN GO TO JAIL WITHOUT REVEALING WHERE THE MONEY IS. I HAVE AN IDEA THAT THINGS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES FROM THEN ON!



KIDNAP SOMEONE? WHO?

YOU!

I'M HOT ON THE TRAIL RIGHT NOW!

# DORA CUMMINGS KIDNAPPED

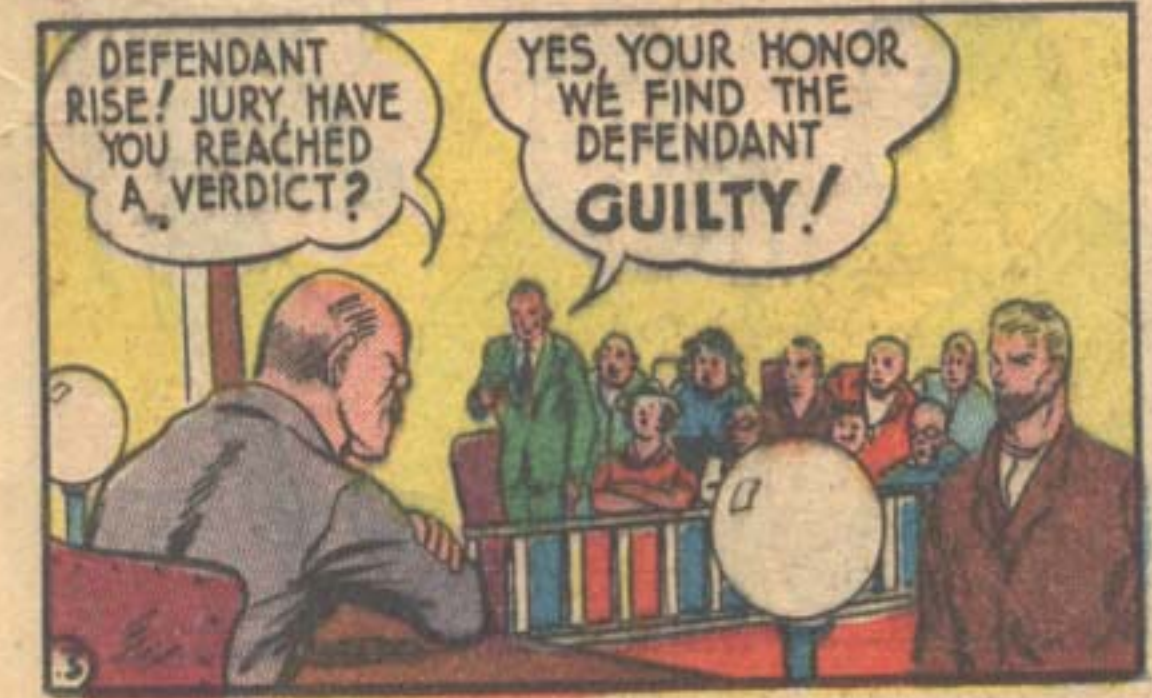


FLASH! DORA CUMMINGS WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HER HOME TODAY IN THE HOTTEST DAY-LIGHT SNATCH IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME!



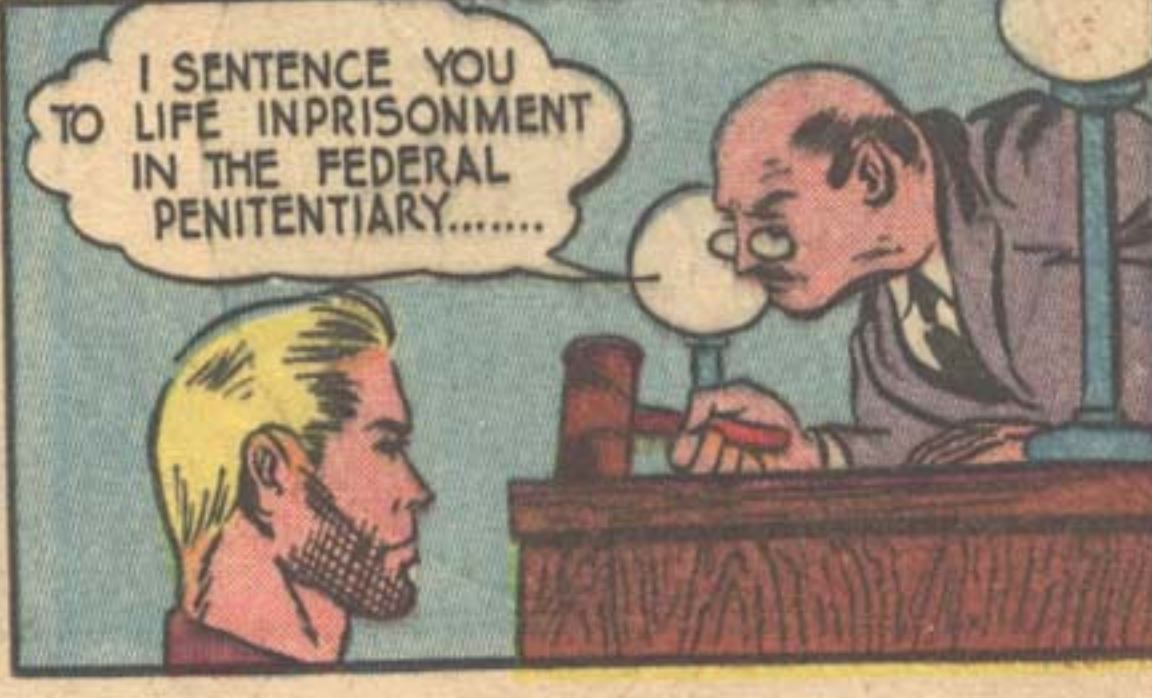
WHY-A DOCTOR-A CUMMIN' PAY DA MONIES? NOW HE DISAPPEAR AND NO CATCH 'IM! A-PASTA FAZOOOL! YOU COPS ARE DUMBA!

NEW YORK NEWS  
OFFICER CLANCY CAPTURES KIDNAPPER.... TRIAL TODAY  
FACTS OF THE CASE



DEFENDANT RISE! JURY, HAVE YOU REACHED A VERDICT?

YES, YOUR HONOR WE FIND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY!



I SENTENCE YOU TO LIFE INPRISONMENT IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY.....



WELL, I'M HERE, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



COME ON, YOU! YOU'RE GOIN' TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN ... PEELIN' SPUDS!

OKAY!



THIS REALLY IS A BREAK! HERE'S INFERNO!



WHAT ARE YOU IN THE KLINK FOR, BUD?

KIDNAPPING!

THAT'S MY BUSINESS!



OH! SO YOU'RE THE GUY WHO SNATCHED DORA CUMMINGS, HUH?

YEA.... ALMOST GOT AWAY WITH IT, TOO



I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT! AND LUCKY FOR YOU, YOU DIDN'T HURT HER OR I'D CARVE YOUR HEART RIGHT NOW! AND WHAT'D YOU DO WITH THE RANSOM MONEY?



WHY YOU.... I'LL KNOCK YOUR TEETH...

OUCH!



WHY YOU.... YOU'RE.....

SH-HHHH

A TROUBLE MAKER, HUH? ON YOUR FIRST DAY HERE YOU HAVE TO GET TOUGH!



ALL RIGHT!  
ALL RIGHT!  
I'M NOT SAYING  
ANYTHING!

WE GOT WAYS TO  
HANDLE TOUGH GUYS  
LIKE YOU! I'LL LET  
THE WARDEN  
TALK THINGS  
OVER WITH  
YOU!

WARDEN'S  
OFFICE



WHAT'S THE  
TROUBLE,  
GUARD?

WARDEN, THIS KID-  
NAPPER JUST STARTED  
TROUBLE DOWN IN  
THE KITCHEN



WE DON'T TOLERATE THAT SORT OF  
THING HERE! I THINK THE BEST  
THING FOR YOU IS A STRETCH ON  
THE ROAD GANG! THAT'LL  
SOFTEN YOU UP!  
TAKE HIM  
AWAY!

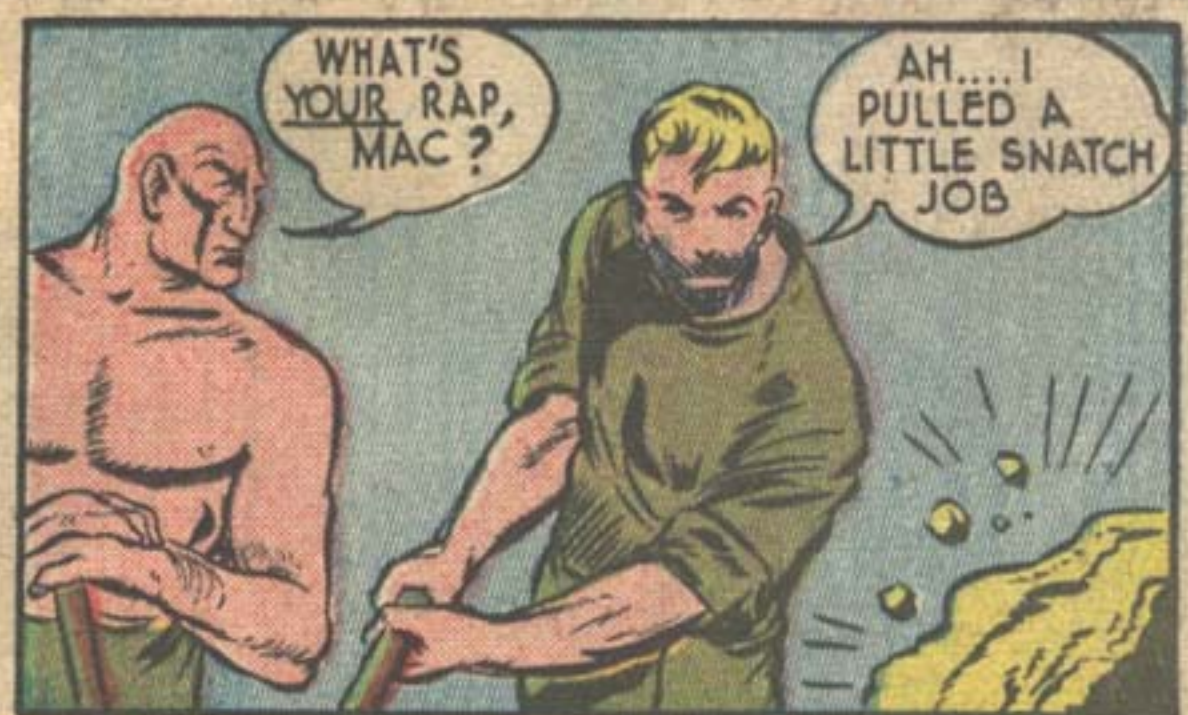


OKAY, TOUGH GUY, LET'S SEE  
YOU START MAKING LITTLE  
ONES OUT OF  
BIG ONES

THAT'S JAKE  
WITH ME!



I'LL HAVE TO GO EASY WITH  
THIS HAMMER.... OTHERWISE,  
I'M LIABLE TO SMASH THIS  
BOULDER TO BITS WITH  
ONE BLOW....



WHAT'S  
YOUR RAP,  
MAC?

AH.... I  
PULLED A  
LITTLE SNATCH  
JOB



OH! SO YOU'RE THE GUY WHO  
SNATCHED DORA CUMMINGS,  
HUH? HOW'S IT FEEL TO BE  
IN THE KLINK WITH ALL  
THAT RANSOM MONEY  
WAITIN' FOR YOU IN YOUR  
HIDIN' SPOT?

WHAT'S THE  
DIFFERENCE?  
I'LL GET OUT  
SOMEDAY....  
MAYBE!



WHY DON'T YOU  
MAKE A BREAK FOR IT?

NAW.... TOO  
RISKY! I....  
HEY! LOOK!





YUH DIRTY SCREW! I'M GETTIN' OUTTA THIS KLINK!

BANG



THERE AIN'T A JAIL BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD ME! UGH!



SEE! THAT'S WHAT I MEAN- IT'S TOO RISKY!

YEAH....BUT THAT GUY WASN'T SMART... NOW, IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT....I CAN ARRANGE IT FOR YOU



YEAH? WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'- KIDDIN' ME?

YA THINK SO? YOU GUARAN-TEE TO DELIV-ER THREE FOURTHS OF THE RANSOM DOUGH....AND YOU'RE AS GOOD AS FREE!



THAT'S A LOT OF DOUGH!

SURE...BUT IT AIN'T DOIN' YOU NO GOOD THIS WAY! JUST SAY THE WORD AND TOMORROW YOU'RE A FREE MAN!



BREAK IT UP, BOYS! WE GO BACK TO THE DIN-ING ROOM FOR MESS!

OKAY, SCREW! FOOD ALWAYS SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!



OKAY, PAL! IF YOU SPRING ME, THE DOUGH IS YOURS!

TOMORROW YOU'LL HAVE COMPLETE DETAILS!



PSST! I'VE BEEN CONTACTED BY THE GANG WHO'VE BEEN SPRINGING THE WEALTHY GUYS!

MOVE OVER, MUG, SO'S I CAN SERVE YOU!

BUT I HAVE A HUNCH SOMETHING IS QUEER! THEY CONTACTED ME, JUST A LITTLE TOO QUICK. BESIDES RICHARD JITNEY IS IN THIS JAIL. HE'S THE RICHEST MAN EVER TO BE JAILED. THEY'D SURELY TRY TO GET HIM OUT BEFORE ME!

COME ON! GET YOUR ARM OUTTA THE WAY!



SO IF I'M SPRUNG...AND ANYTHING IS PHONEY, THEY'RE LIABLE TO MAKE A PLAY FOR YOU, TO GET EVEN WITH ME, SO IF I'M NOT BACK HERE THREE HOURS AFTER I'M OUT, YOU BURN YOUR OWN WAY OUT!

OKAY, BUM! SO IF YOU DON'T WANT COFFEE...OKAY!



YOU'LL PROCEED TO A SHORT-WAVE SET AND NOTIFY ME OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. I'LL BE ABLE, THEN, TO CONTACT YOU IN CASE I HAVE TO!

I HEARD YOU! I HEARD YOU! AND THERE AIN'T NO MORE BEANS!



COME ON, YOU, MOVE ALONG! YOU AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!



VACATION'S OVER! STAND UP! MOVE BACK YOUR CHAIRS RIGHT FACE! MARCH! HEP! HEP! HEP!



I'VE SLIPPED THE WORD ALONG, CHUM! TOMORROW AFTERNOON, IN THE EXERCISE YARD, WE'LL SPRING YOU! I'LL BE THERE TO SET YOU STRAIGHT!



THE NEXT AFTERNOON IN THE EXERCISE YARD.....

IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME NOW!

OKAY! I'VE GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT! AS SOON AS I SEE THE FIRE....

YUH GOT THAT STUFF SOAKED WITH KEROSENE, HUH?

YEAH, IT'LL GO OFF AN' LOOK LIKE A FOUR ALARM FIRE! HERE GOES!

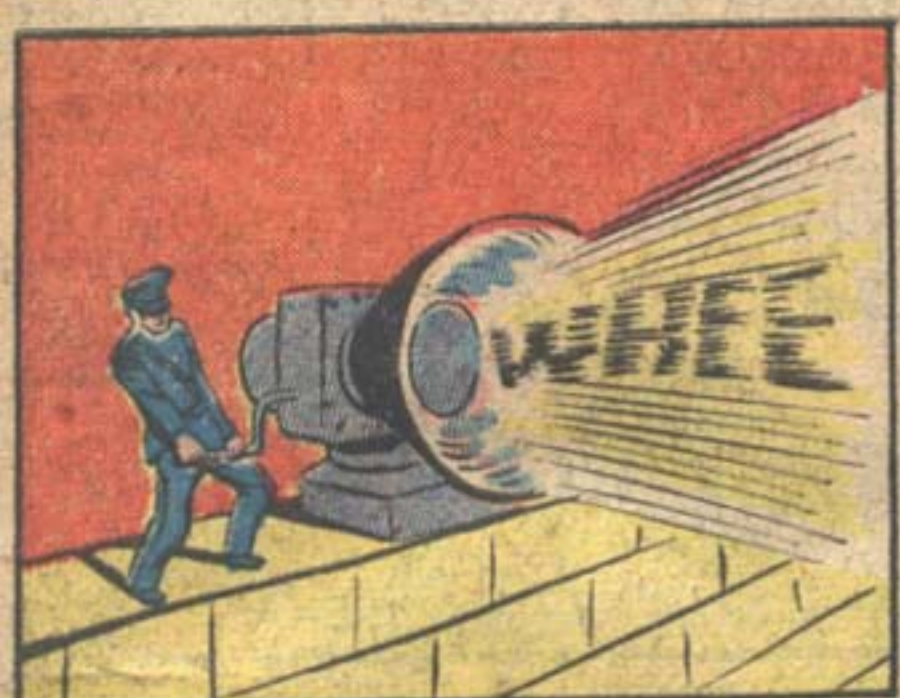




THE GUARDS ARE WISE! LET 'EM HAVE IT!

OPEN UP, BOYS! TIME FOR THE FIREWORKS TO BEGIN!

IT'S A BREAK! THAT AIN'T ONE OF THE PRISON FIRE TRUCKS - UGH!



WELL, YOU SURE GOT ME OUT, BUT WON'T THE COPS BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THIS TRUCK?

NOT THIS BABY, IT'S GOT A SUPER-POWER MOTOR THAT'LL CARRY US AT A HUNDRED AND FORTY MILES AN HOUR!



HOURS LATER, THE TRUCK ARRIVES AT THE HIDEOUT



WHAT'S THIS? IS THIS WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO PAY OFF?

THAT'S RIGHT! THIS IS WHERE THE PAY-OFF COMES IN



HELLO, MISTER BRAINS! YOU'RE THE FELLOW I CAME HERE TO SEE!

NEVER MIND, STEEL STERLING! YOU'RE FOOLING NOBODY BUT YOURSELF! DID YOU THINK FOR A MINUTE I WOULDN'T KNOW WHO YOU REALLY WERE?



WELL, I SEE I'M UP AGAINST SOMETHING I DIDN'T FIGURE ON! I KNOW IT'S NEEDLESS TO ATTACK YOU... YOU PROBABLY HAVE THAT ALL FIGURED OUT, TOO!



YOU BET I HAVE! ONE FALSE MOVE OUT OF YOU AND DORA CUMMINGS HER FATHER AND INFERNO GET RUBBED OUT! MY MEN HAVE DORA IN ONE PLACE, DOC CUMMINGS IN ANOTHER, AND...WELL, YOU KNOW INFERNO'S UNDER OUR POWER IN THE KLINK!



SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD STORY, BUT HOW DO I KNOW YOU'VE GOT DORA AND DR. CUMMINGS?

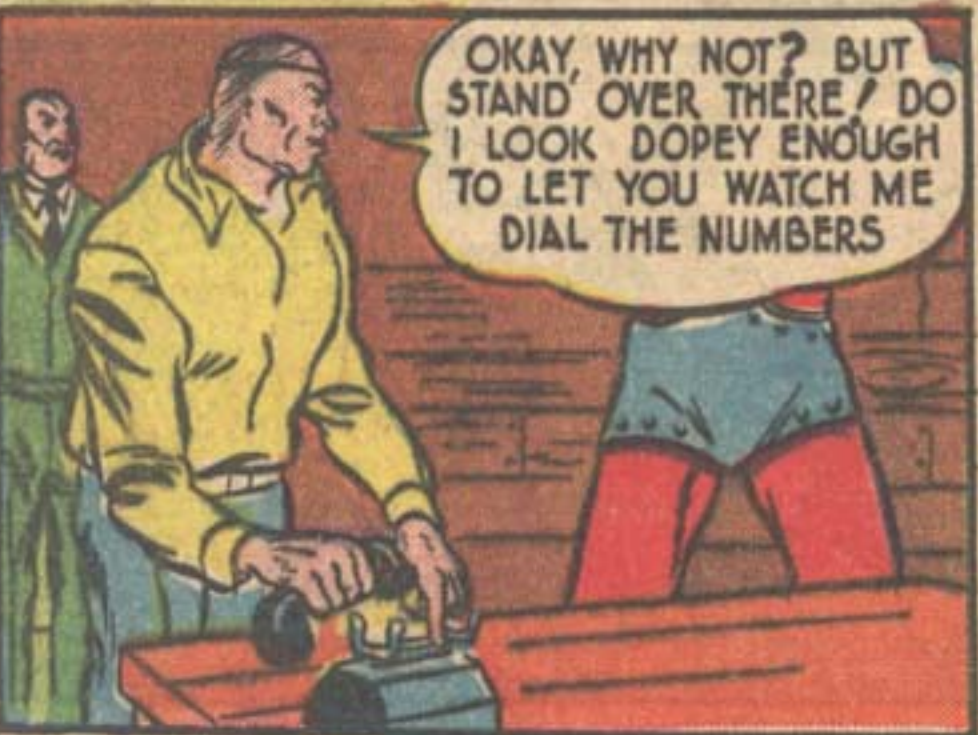


HA/HA! LISTEN TO THE FAT-HEAD! HOW DOES HE KNOW WE'VE GOT THE CUMMINGS! TH' GUY SHOULDA BEEN A COMEDIAN!

YEAH? AIN'T THAT RICH?



WE'LL, YOU'VE GOT A PHONE HERE. WHY DON'T YOU CALL YOUR MEN? LET ME TALK TO THE DOCTOR AND DORA. ANY HARM IN THAT?



OKAY, WHY NOT? BUT STAND OVER THERE! DO I LOOK DOPEY ENOUGH TO LET YOU WATCH ME DIAL THE NUMBERS



THE MAN OF STEEL LISTENS INTENTLY TO THE DIAL TONES....

8 CLICKS.... AH, NOW SEVEN.... AND 4....7....5....2 GOOD!



I SEE.... WELL, DON'T WORRY, DORA! I WON'T DO ANYTHING TO HARM YOU!

Y-YES STEEL THEY KIDNAPPED ME! THEY'VE TOLD YOU THE TRUTH!



YOU'RE GETTIN' SMART, STERLING... HERE'S DOC!



HELLO, DOCTOR! I GUESS THEY'VE GOT YOU, TOO, EH?

YES STEEL!



CAR'S READY!

GOOD!.....NOW, MR. STERLING, YOU WON'T HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE GETTING OUT OF HERE, BUT THE WALLS ARE THICKER THAN YOU THINK, AND TH' PHONE WIRES WILL BE CUT, TOO!

I KNOW WHEN I'M LICKED! I HAVE NO INTENTION OF STOPPING YOU!



LET 'ER ROAR, BOYS! RICHARD JITNEY'S DOUGH IS AS GOOD AS OURS!

NOW TO FIND OUT IF INFERNO GOT TO THAT SHORT-WAVE SET...



STEEL STERLING RUBS HIS TONGUE OVER HIS TEETH... HIS METALLIC BODY STRUCTURE, ACTING AS A MINI-ATURE RADIO RECEIVER, INTERCEPTS A SHORT-WAVE MESSAGE....

CALLING STEEL STERLING! CALLING STEEL STERLING! CONTACT ME AT MAIN 2000 / MAIN 2000!

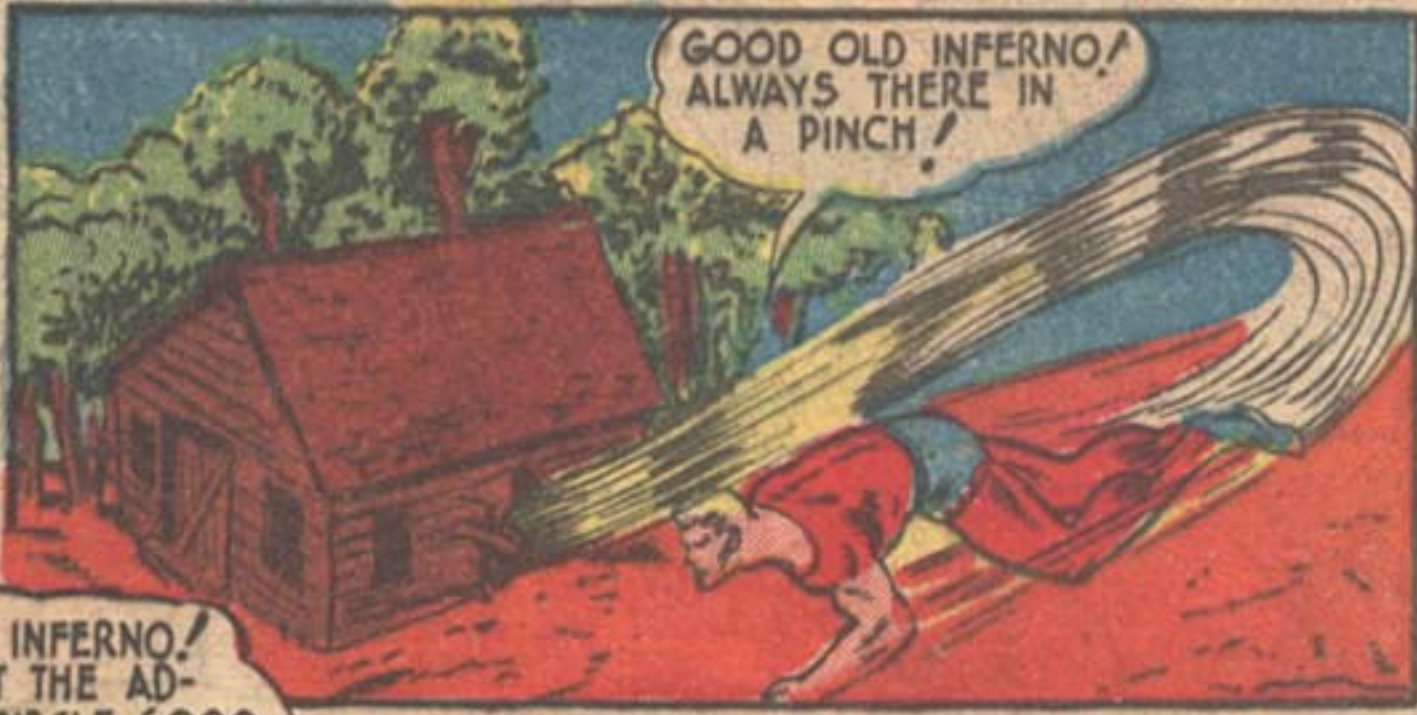


CRASH

HM! MUST BE OAK WALLS! THEY'RE PRETTY TOUGH AT THAT!



HERE WE ARE! AND THERE'S THE TELEPHONE LINE TO THE CITY!



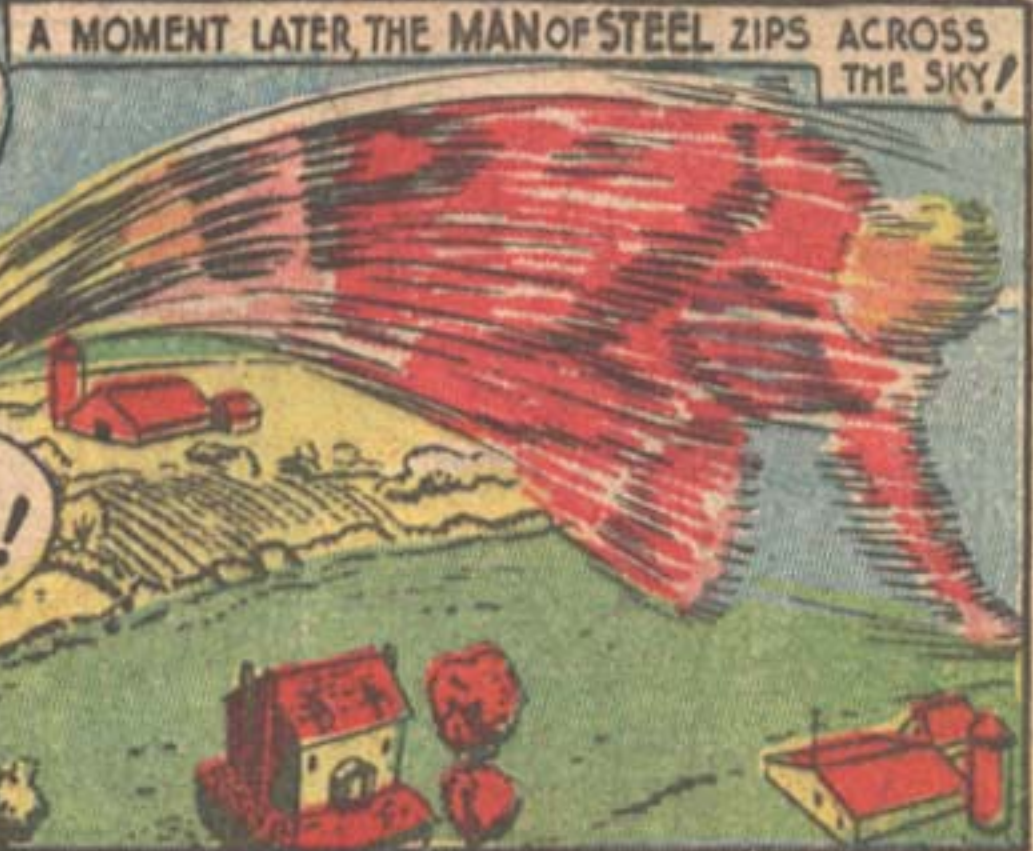
GOOD OLD INFERNO! ALWAYS THERE IN A PINCH!



HELLO, INFERNO! FIND OUT THE ADDRESS OF CIRCLE 6000 FROM THE PHONE COMPANY. THE MOBSTERS ARE HOLDING DOCTOR CUMMINGS THERE! GET TO HIM AT ONCE! I'LL KNOW WHERE DORA IS IN JUST A SECOND ....AND I'LL GET HER! GOOD LUCK, BOY!



RIGHTO, STEEL!



A MOMENT LATER, THE MAN OF STEEL ZIPS ACROSS THE SKY!

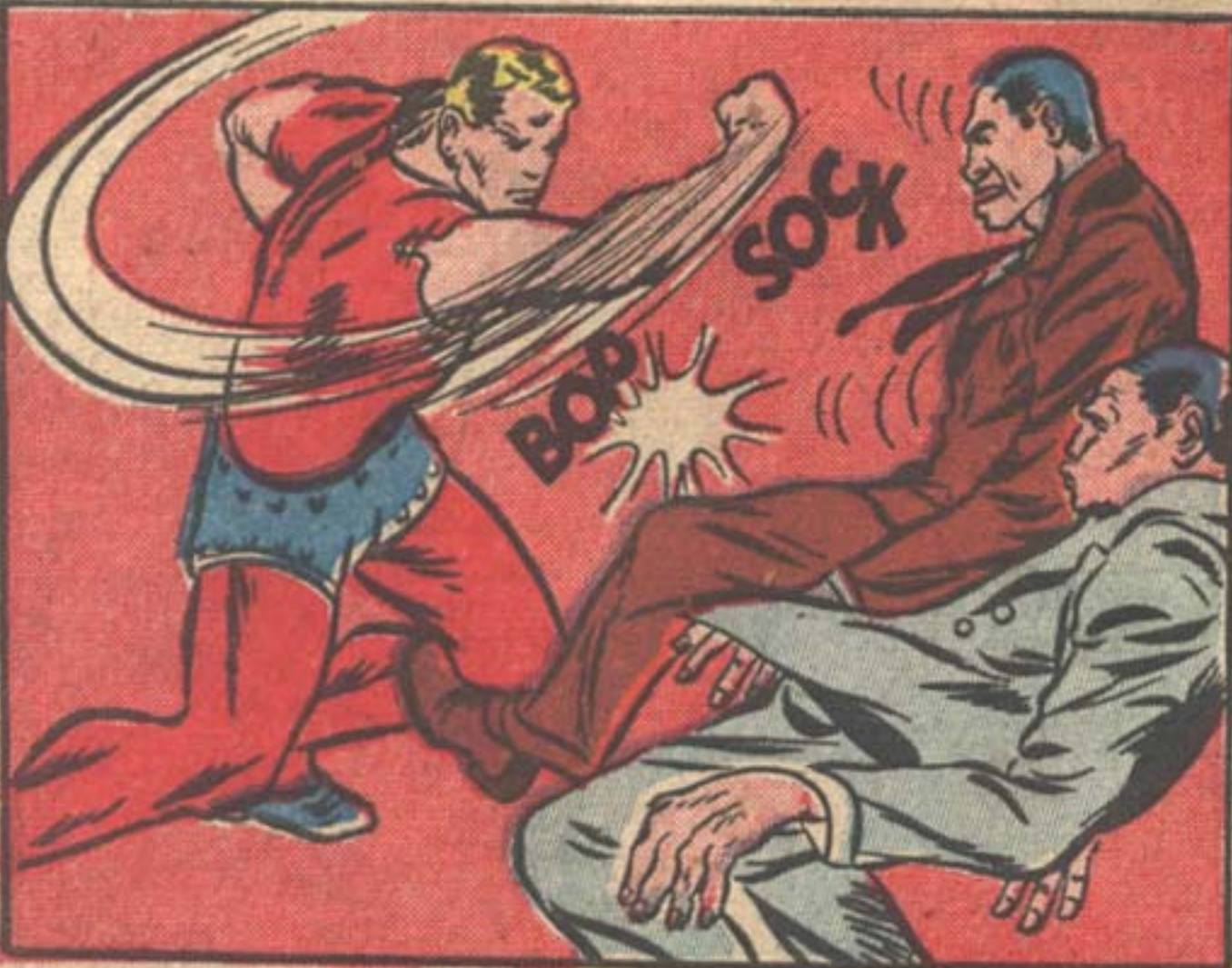
IN A ROOM ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CITY....

SISTER, ONE WORD FROM TH' BOYS ABOUT YOUR CHUM STERLING AND YOU GIT PLUGGED! ANY NEWS YET, TINY?

NAW!



STEEL!



STEEL! YOU-YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS! NOW THEY'LL KILL DAD OR INFERNO.... ..OR BOTH!

NO, THEY WONT, DORA! INFERNO IS OUT OF JAIL AND SEEING YOUR DAD THIS VERY MOMENT!



YOU'LL BE SAFE NOW! GET HOLD OF CLANCY AND LOONEY AND MEET ME AT THE PRISON!

I WILL, STEEL! AND ON OUR WAY, WE'LL DROP OFF MY KIDNAPPERS AT THE STATION-HOUSE!





WHILE AT THE PRISON....

MOW 'EM DOWN!  
GIT JITNEY AND  
START MOVIN'  
TOWARDS THE CAR!



HEY, BOSS!  
IT'S STERLING!



WHERE TH' HECK DID THAT  
GUY STERLING GO! HE  
WAS THERE A SECOND  
AGO!

AH-AH! ALL THE BOYS ARE  
DONATING THEIR GUNS! WHY  
SHOULD YOU BE DIF-  
FERENT!



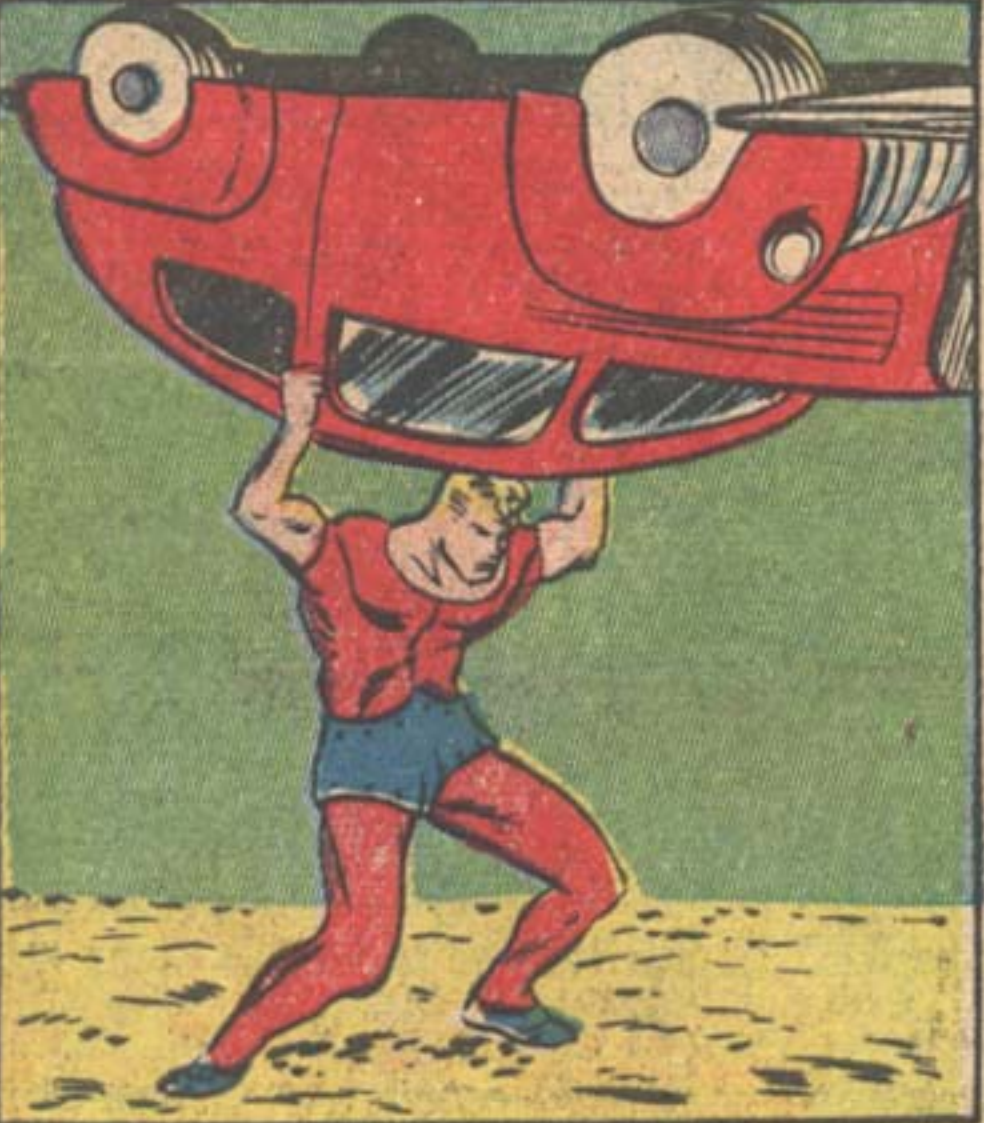
WHY NOT GIVE THESE TO THE  
DRAFTEES AT CAMP DIX? THEY'LL  
PUT THEM TO GOOD USE!



I'VE GOT MY CHANCE!  
NOW IF I CAN GET TO  
THE CAR....



I'LL BE ABLE TO  
MAKE A GET-AWAY!



CRASH!



UPSY-DAISY!  
I MEANT TO TELL YOU BE-  
FORE.... YOU HAVE AN  
APPOINTMENT WITH  
THE WARDEN!





STEEL LEAVES THE WARDEN'S OFFICE. HE FINDS DORA, SERGEANT CLANCY AND ALEC (LOONEY) LUNAR WAITING FOR HIM....



STEEL STERLING, MAN OF STEEL APPEARS IN EVERY ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER OF YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS

# DICKY

IN THE

# MAGIC FOREST

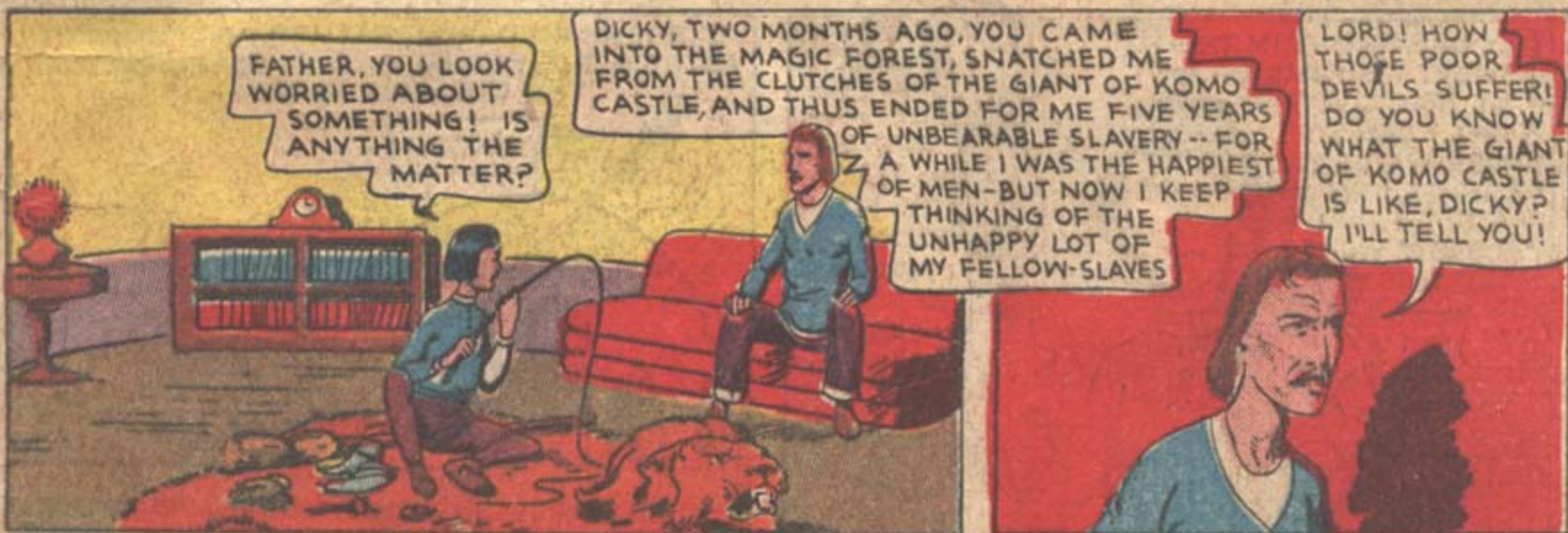
by L. GOLDEN

THE MAGIC FOREST IS DOTTED WITH THOUSANDS OF ARTICLES OF EVERY SHAPE AND SIZE - THESE ARTICLES ARE BEYOND ESTIMATE IN VALUE, FOR EACH CONTAINS SOME UNIQUE MAGICAL QUALITY. PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS EXPLORING THE MAGIC FOREST FOR THESE SUPER-VALUABLES, BUT ALAS! AS THE MAGIC FOREST THROBS WITH THE VILEST AND THE MOST MONSTROUS LIFE ONE CAN IMAGINE, (GIANTS, WITCHES, DRAGONS, OSRES, TROLLS, ETC.), NOT MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN A THOUSAND OUTLIVES THE VENTURE!!

FATHER, YOU LOOK WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING! IS ANYTHING THE MATTER?

DICKY, TWO MONTHS AGO, YOU CAME INTO THE MAGIC FOREST, SNATCHED ME FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE GIANT OF KOMO CASTLE, AND THUS ENDED FOR ME FIVE YEARS OF UNBEARABLE SLAVERY -- FOR A WHILE I WAS THE HAPPIEST OF MEN - BUT NOW I KEEP THINKING OF THE UNHAPPY LOT OF MY FELLOW-SLAVES

LORD! HOW THOSE POOR DEVILS SUFFER! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE GIANT OF KOMO CASTLE IS LIKE, DICKY? I'LL TELL YOU!



HE'D GIVE US A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORK TO DO IN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME - FROM THE MAD PACE WE HAD TO KEEP, AND FROM THE NIGHTS OF SLEEP WE HAD TO MISS, A NUMBER OF US WOULD FALL DEAD IN OUR TRACKS!



THE JOBS WERE ALMOST ALWAYS BEYOND OUR BEST EFFORTS, AND SO WE SELDOM FINISHED ON SCHEDULE - THE GIANT WOULD FLY INTO A RAGE AND STAMP US OUT WITH HIS FEET AS IF WE WERE SO MANY ANTS!

NO!  
NO!  
DON'T!





"OR HE WOULD TAKE US IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS AND CRUSH US TO JELLY!"



FATHER, I'M SURE WE CAN RESCUE YOUR FRIENDS FROM THE GIANT AND BRING THEM SAFELY BACK TO PANORA

WHY...YES... YES! WHY NOT?!



NO DANGER COULD THREATEN US BECAUSE WHEN I MOVE BACK MY MAGIC WATCH I MOVE BACK TIME ITSELF!

AND WHEN YOU CRACK YOUR MAGIC WHIP, SOME MONSTER'S HEAD IS SURE TO ROLL ON THE GROUND!



YOU CAN RUN LIKE THE WIND IN YOUR DIAMOND SLIPPERS!

AND WITH MY MAGIC GLOVES I CAN LICK ANY MAN ON EARTH! IT WOULDN'T BE MUCH USE IN THE FOREST THOUGH!



BY BREATHING IN THE SWEET PERFUME OF MY MAGIC WATER-PLANT, I CAN STAY UNDER-WATER TWO OR THREE DAYS AT A TIME - BUT I PROBABLY WON'T NEED THIS AT ALL!

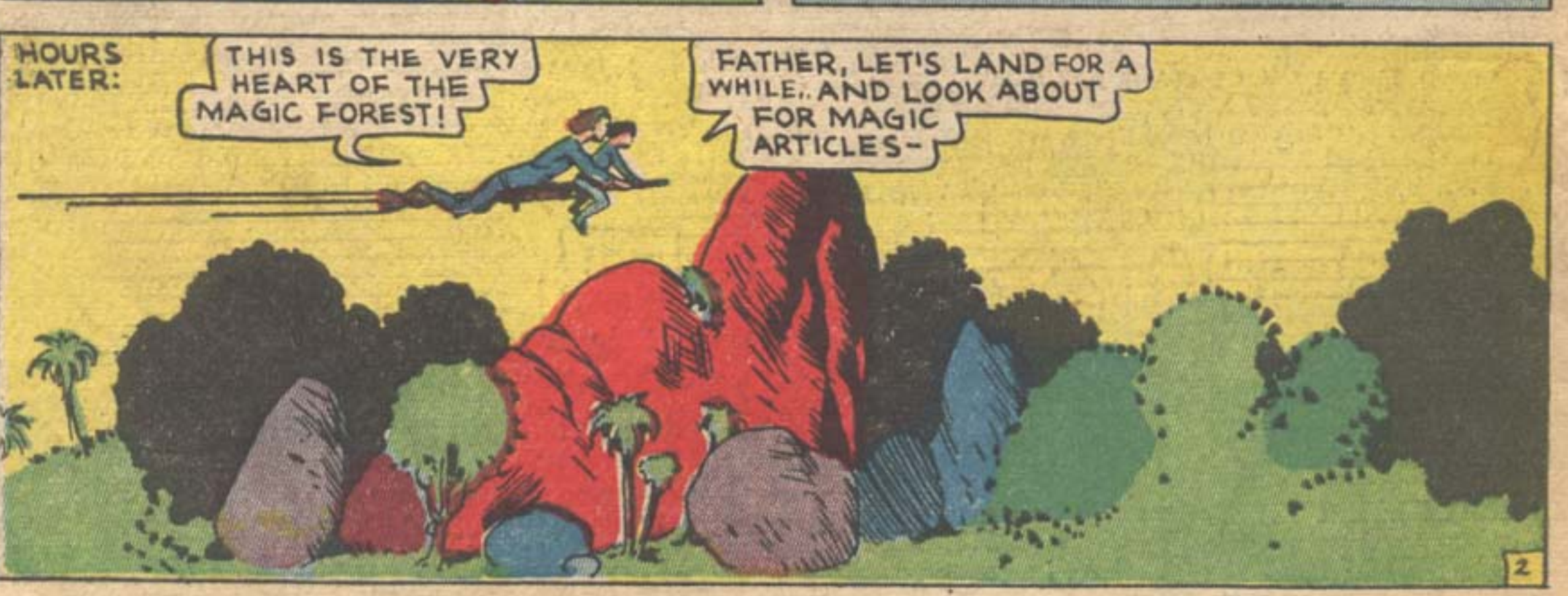
OF COURSE, WE'LL USE THE FLYING BROOM TO CARRY US TO KOMO CASTLE!



AT BREAK OF DAWN, FATHER AND SON GET ASTRIDE THE BROOM, AND, IN RESPONSE TO THE STRANGE WORD ---

WHISK!

---THE MARVELOUS STICK ZOOMS INTO SPACE!



HOURS LATER:

THIS IS THE VERY HEART OF THE MAGIC FOREST!

FATHER, LET'S LAND FOR A WHILE.. AND LOOK ABOUT FOR MAGIC ARTICLES-

THE MOMENT THEY TOUCH EARTH...

THOSE SHRIEKS!

THAT MONKEY!  
CAUGHT IN  
QUICKSAND!



DICKY CASTS HIS WHIP WITHIN REACH OF THE TERRIFIED CREATURE, AND...

BOY, WE CERTAINLY  
CAME HERE AT THE  
RIGHT TIME!



FOR SAVING HIS LIFE, THE MONKEY, QUITE INNOCENTLY, IS TO MAKE DICKY PAY DEAR!

HE LIKES ME, FATHER!  
HE WON'T GET OFF  
MY SHOULDER!

HA! HA!  
CUTE  
LITTLE  
FELLOW!



SUDDENLY, THE MONKEY DEMONSTRATES A BIT OF MISCHIEF PECULIAR TO ALL TREE-DWELLERS!

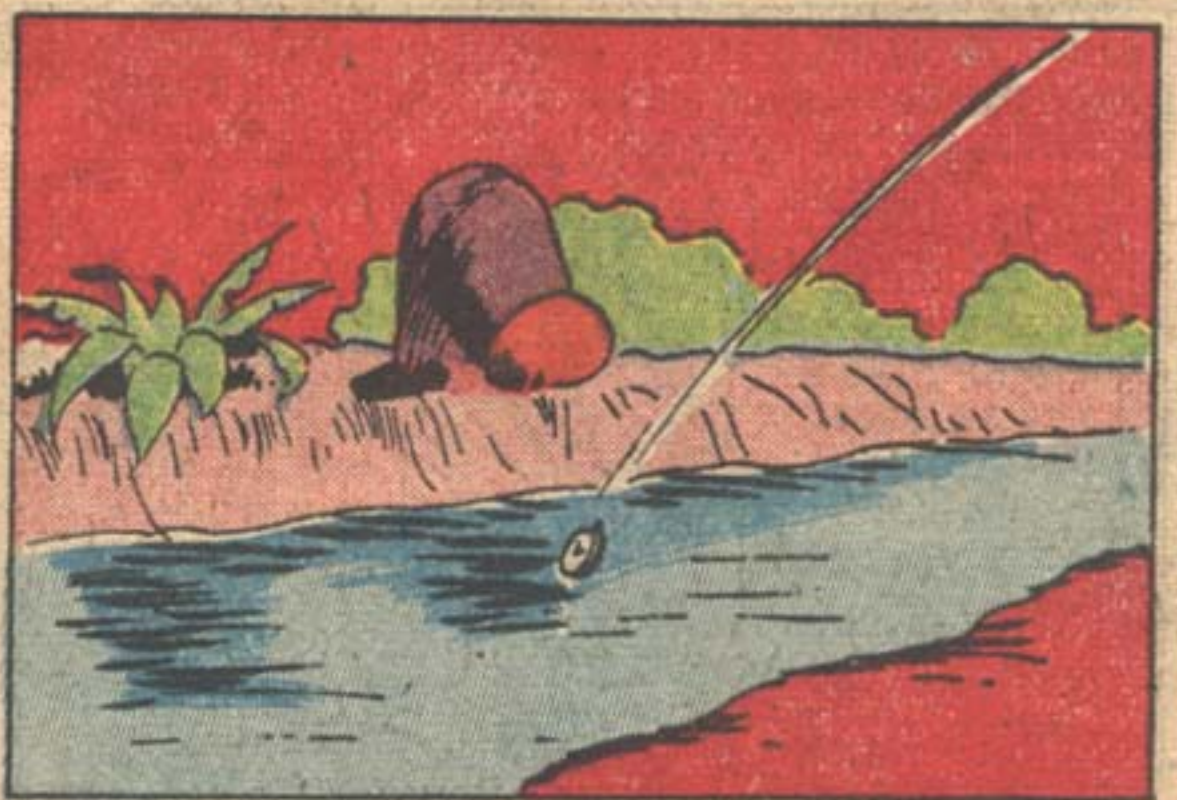
OH, HE GRABBED  
MY MAGIC  
WATCH!

GOOD  
LORD!



DICKY PUTS HIS DIAMOND SLIPPERS TO USE, AND IS ALMOST UPON THE HIRSUTE THIEF, WHEN,

HE THREW MY  
WATCH DOWN!



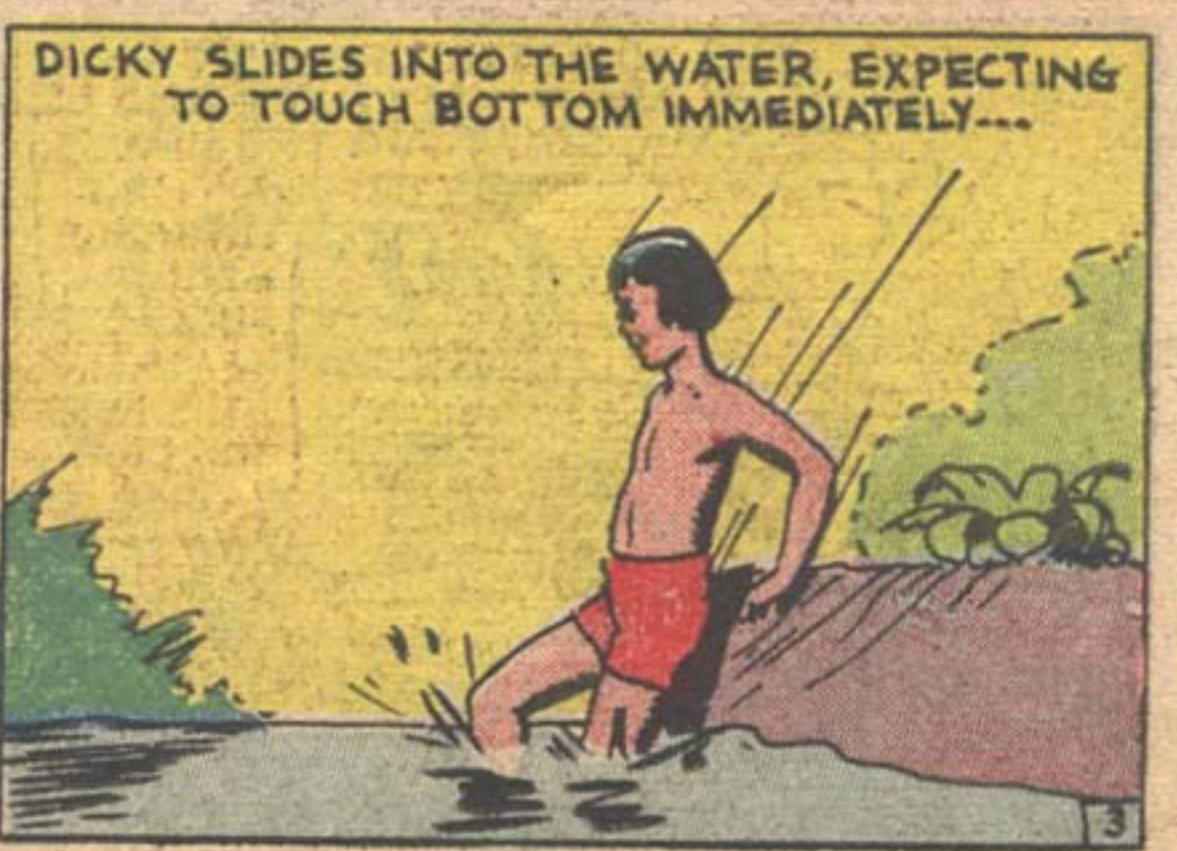
DICKY DROPS FROM THE TREES, DISCARDS HIS CLOTHES, AND...

I'LL FILL MY LUNGS  
WITH THE SCENT OF  
MY MAGIC WATER-  
PLANT, AND FETCH  
THE WATCH  
FROM THE  
BOTTOM OF  
THE STREAM!  
IT WOULD BE  
DANGEROUS  
TO GO ON  
WITHOUT IT!

THAT  
BLASTED  
MONKEY!!



DICKY SLIDES INTO THE WATER, EXPECTING TO TOUCH BOTTOM IMMEDIATELY...



WOW! I MUST BE A THOUSAND FEET BELOW THE SURFACE, AND NO SIGN OF BOTTOM YET! YOWEE! THERE'S MY WATCH! I CAUGHT UP WITH IT!



BUT, AT THE VERY INSTANT HE REACHES FOR THE COVETED OBJECT, A HUGE, GLISTENING MONSTROSITY LOOMS INTO VIEW!



OH! OH! IT'S COMING AT ME!

A DESPERATE TWIST AT THE RIGHT TIME SAVES DICKY FROM BEING IMPALED ON THE CRUEL SNOUT!



THE WATER CREATURE PLUNGES INTO A SERIES OF BODILY CONTORTIONS BUT DICKY REFUSES TO BE DISLODGED!



I'M LOSING MY GRIP!

SUDDENLY, IT GOES INTO A VERTICAL DIVE! DOWN! DOWN! DOWN!



THE MONSTER CAN'T SEE AHEAD, BECAUSE I'M BLOCKING HIS VIEW!

WE'RE SHOOTING STRAIGHT FOR THE BOTTOM!

DICKY RELINQUISHES HIS GRIP ON THE BRUTE A MOMENT BEFORE IT SMASHES INTO THE HALF-SOLIDIFIED DEPOSITS OF THE RIVER BOTTOM!



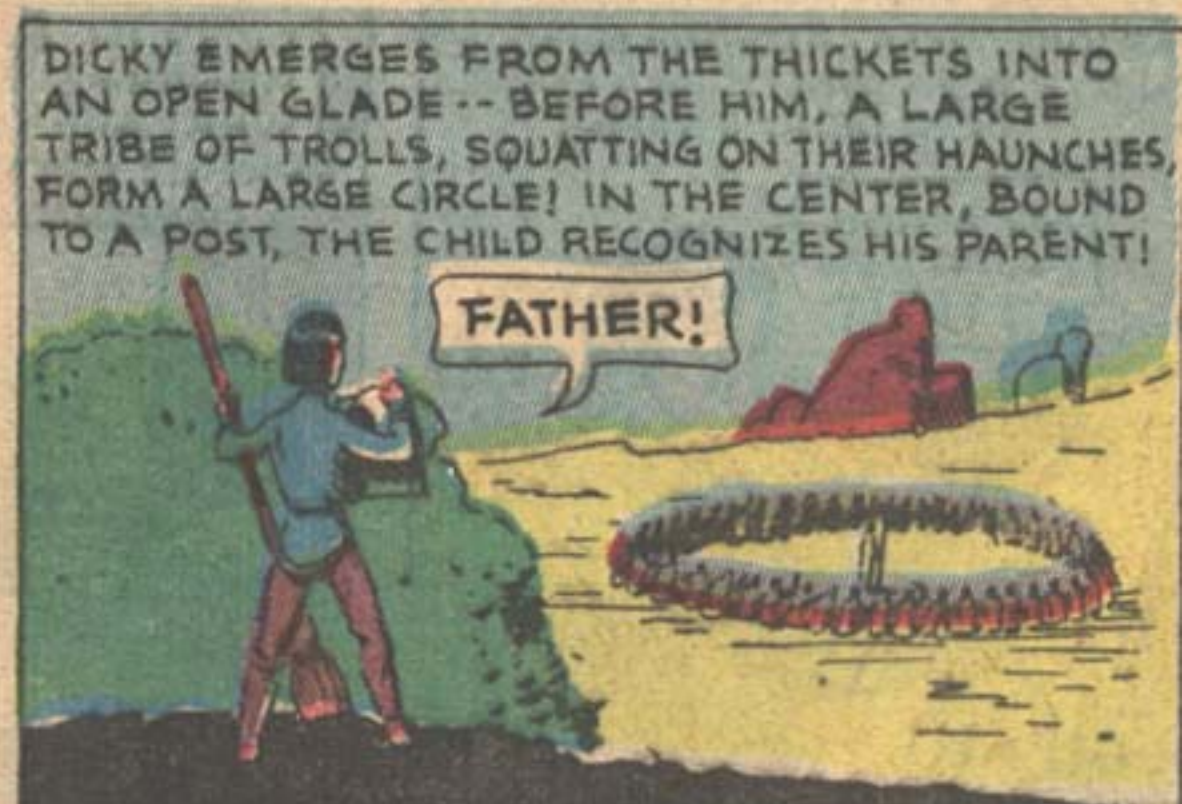
I'D BETTER FORGET ABOUT THE WATCH AND START FOR THE SURFACE. BEFORE THAT



TERRIBLE ANIMAL SUCCEEDS IN PULLING HIS NOSE OUT OF THE GROUND!

BOY, WHAT A CLIMB THAT WAS! I DON'T KNOW HOW I EVER MADE IT! FATHER! HE'S GONE!





THE TROLLS GASP IN AMAZEMENT, THEIR MINDS REFUSING TO ACCEPT WHAT THEIR EYES HAVE SEEN.

I GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO SET MY FATHER FREE! REFUSE THIS TIME AND YOU DIE HORRIBLE DEATHS!

IF THEY REFUSE WE'RE LOST!



FIVE MINUTES ELAPSE BEFORE THEY REACH A DECISION!

OH! THEY'VE REFUSED! THEY'RE CLOSING IN ON US!

DON'T LET THEM GET YOU, DICKY! TAKE OFF WITH YOUR BROOM!



AS THE CIRCLE GRADUALLY DIMINISHES IN SIZE, A FANTASTIC IDEA FLASHES INTO DICKY'S MIND!

MY MAGIC PAINTING SET!



DICKY, IN HEAVEN'S NAME, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

I'M PAINTING A KNIFE, FATHER! THREE SECONDS AND I'M DONE! LOOKS REAL, DOESN'T IT?

IT IS REAL, FATHER!



THE TROLLS ARE ALMOST UPON THEM AS DICKY SLASHES AWAY AT HIS FATHER'S BONDS WITH THE NEWLY-CREATED KNIFE!

HURRY! HURRY!

RIP! RIP! RIP!



THE NEXT SECOND, FATHER AND SON ARE UPON THE WONDER BROOM, AND...

WHISK!

DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!

GRAB THEM!



WHEW! WHAT A NARROW ESCAPE, FATHER!

WHAT A WONDERFUL PAINTING SET! LOOK, THERE'S KOMO CASTLE! LET'S LAND!



THE MISCHIEVOUS MONKEY IS IN ONE OF THE TREES OVER WHICH THE BROOM PASSES AS IT GLIDES EARTHWARD--CATCHING A FLEETING GLIMPSE OF DICKY'S FACE, THE MONKEY RACES THRU THE TREES IN PURSUIT OF THE FLYING STICK!

EEEK! EEK!



FATHER AND SON APPROACH KOMO CASTLE--SUDDENLY, THEY HALT, CHILLED BY THE SIGHT BEFORE THEM!

THE GIANT IS GOING INTO A TERRIBLE RAGE, AGAIN!

WE'RE HELPLESS WITHOUT THE MAGIC WATCH OR MAGIC WHIP!

OH!

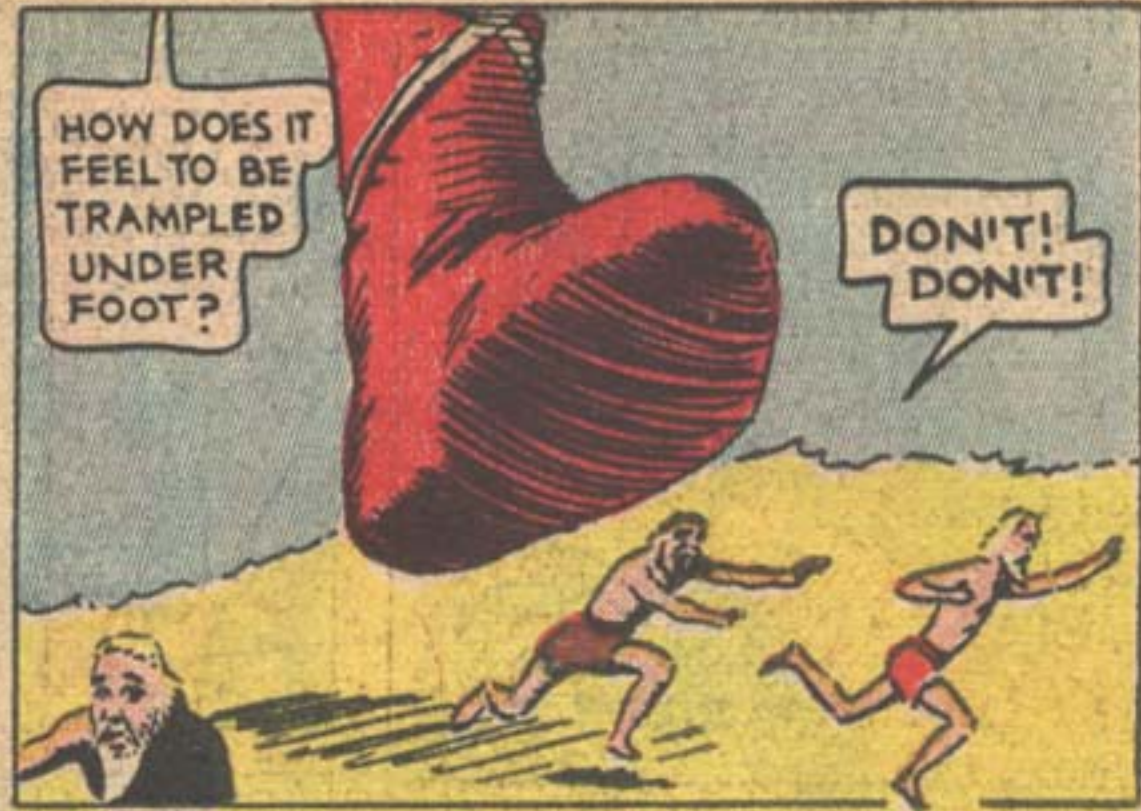




SO THE WORK I GAVE YOU WAS TOO GREAT TO BE COMPLETED IN SO LITTLE TIME, EH?! SO YOU LABORED CEASELESSLY, AND WITHOUT SLEEP, EH?! WELL, YOU'RE NO USE TO ME! I'M GOING TO WIPE YOU OUT ONE AND ALL!

NO!  
NO!

NO, DON'T!



HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT?

DON'T!  
DON'T!



CRACKLE! CRACK!  
CRACK!  
UGH!

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE YOUR BONES BROKEN IN A GRIP OF STEEL?



AT THIS INSTANT, A SMALL WEIGHT DROPS ON DICKY'S SHOULDER!

WHAT—! OH!  
THE MONKEY!  
AND MY MAGIC WHIP!

EEK!  
EEK!



SEIZING HIS WHIP, DICKY SPRINGS FROM HIS SHELTER, AND---

TRAMPLE ME, WHY DON'T YOU?! BREAK MY BONES, WHY DON'T YOU?!

WHO—?! IT'S YOU!  
YOU'RE THE INSECT THAT RAN OFF WITH ONE OF MY MEN!



AS A GIGANTIC FOOT DESCENDS UPON THE LAD—

YEEOW!

CRACK!



THE GIANT HOWLS IN PAIN AND RAGE, AND REACHES FOR DICKY WITH HIS HAND!

CRACK!



A MOMENT LATER, THE DISSECTED MONSTER SINKS TO THE GROUND, HIS EVIL DAYS ENDED!

NOW TO FREE THE SURVIVING CAPTIVES!



THE BOYS AND I WILL ALWAYS BE INDEBTED TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD, FARENWELL!

SAVE YOUR GRATITUDE, UNTIL WE SUCCEED IN GETTING YOU OUT OF THE

MAGIC FOREST, TOM—

CRACK!



THE LONG, DANGEROUS MARCH THRU THE WILDERNESS GETS UNDER WAY!

FATHER, LOOK! THE CREVICE IN THAT ROCK! SOMETHING'S IN IT!



DICKY EXTRACTS A SMALL BOTTLE OF WATER AND A NOTE WHICH HE READS:

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!



GOOD HEAVEN'S TROLLS! HUNDREDS OF THEM! THEY'RE COMING FOR US!



EVERYONE, TRUST ME! DO AS I SAY! CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THIS TREE! HURRY!

DICKY IS THE LAST TO TAKE HIS OWN ADVICE!



DICKY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M EMPTYING MY MAGIC BOTTLE OF WATER, FATHER!

THE MOMENT THE WATER IS OUT OF THE PHIAL, IT TAKES ON ENORMOUS PROPORTIONS! IT IS NOW A SHEET OF WATER, STRETCHING ONE MILE SQUARE HAVING A DEPTH OF FIFTY FEET! HALF OF THE TROLLS ARE DROWNED OUTRIGHT!



DICKY, YOU SAVED OUR LIVES! BUT, NO! LOOK! THE TROLLS ARE COMING TO THE SURFACE! THEY'RE COMING AT US! GOOD HEAVENS, WE'RE ALL LOST!

NOT YET, FATHER!

DICKY REACHES DOWN TO THE WATER AND FILLS HIS PHIAL!



THE EFFECT OF THIS IS INCREDIBLE THE GIANT BODY OF WATER DISAPPEARS, AND THE TROLLS HURTLER TO THEIR DEATHS FIFTY FEET BELOW!



FIVE HOURS BRING THE PARTY WITHIN SIGHT OF THE CITY!



GOOD OLD PANORA!

HOW WE'VE MISSED YOU!

AT LAST DICKY AND HIS FATHER ARE BACK HOME AGAIN!



IT WAS A FRIGHTFUL ADVENTURE, DICKY-BUT THINK WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED!

CAN I ALSO THINK OF MY MAGIC WATER BOTTLE AND MY MAGIC PAINTING SET?

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS LITTLE DICKY FARENWELL IS COMPELLED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO RETURN TO THE MAGIC FOREST IN QUEST OF HIS MAGIC WATCH!



HELLO, READER! WON'T YOU PLEASE DROP ME A POST-CARD TELLING ME WHAT YOU THINK OF THIS COMIC STRIP? JUST ADDRESS IT TO DICKY, RM. 315, 60 HUDSON ST., N.Y.C.!

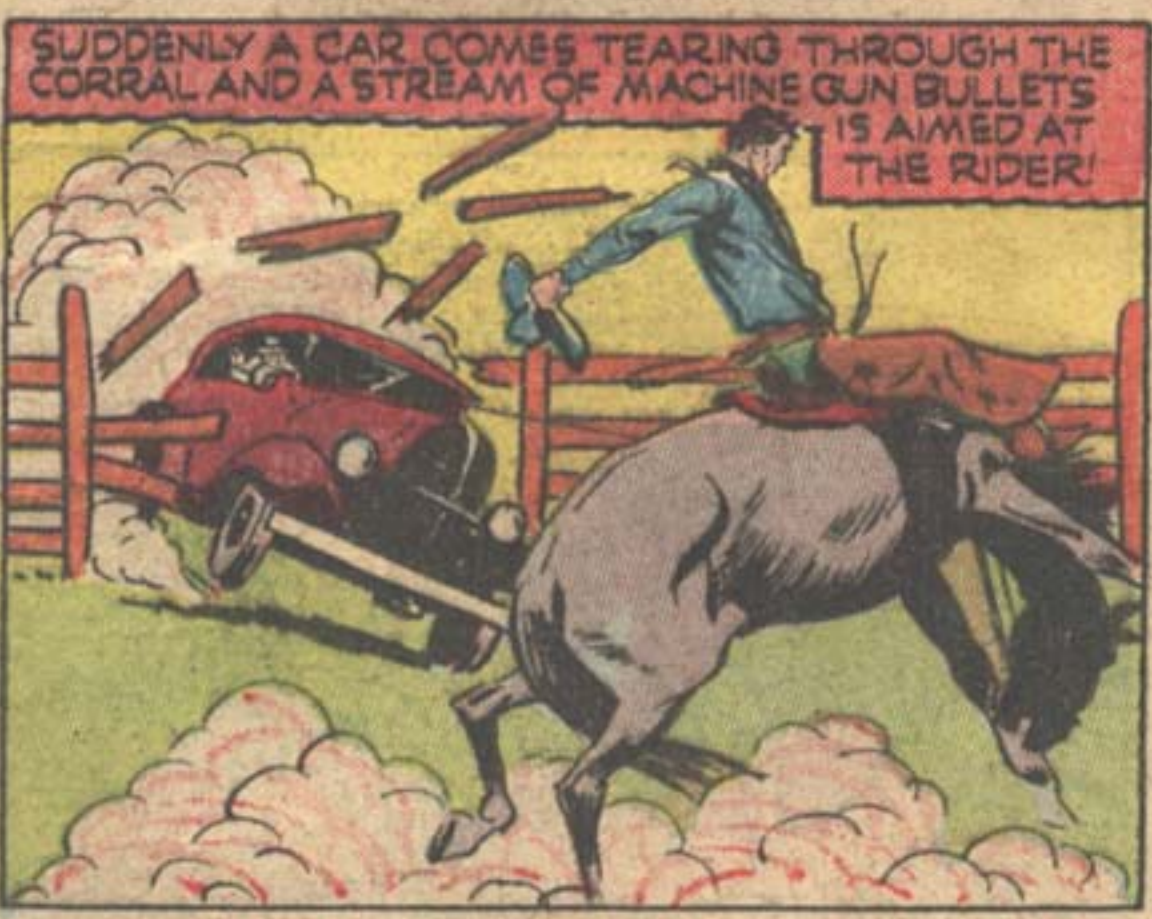
# Nevada Jones

## QUICK-TRIGGER MAN

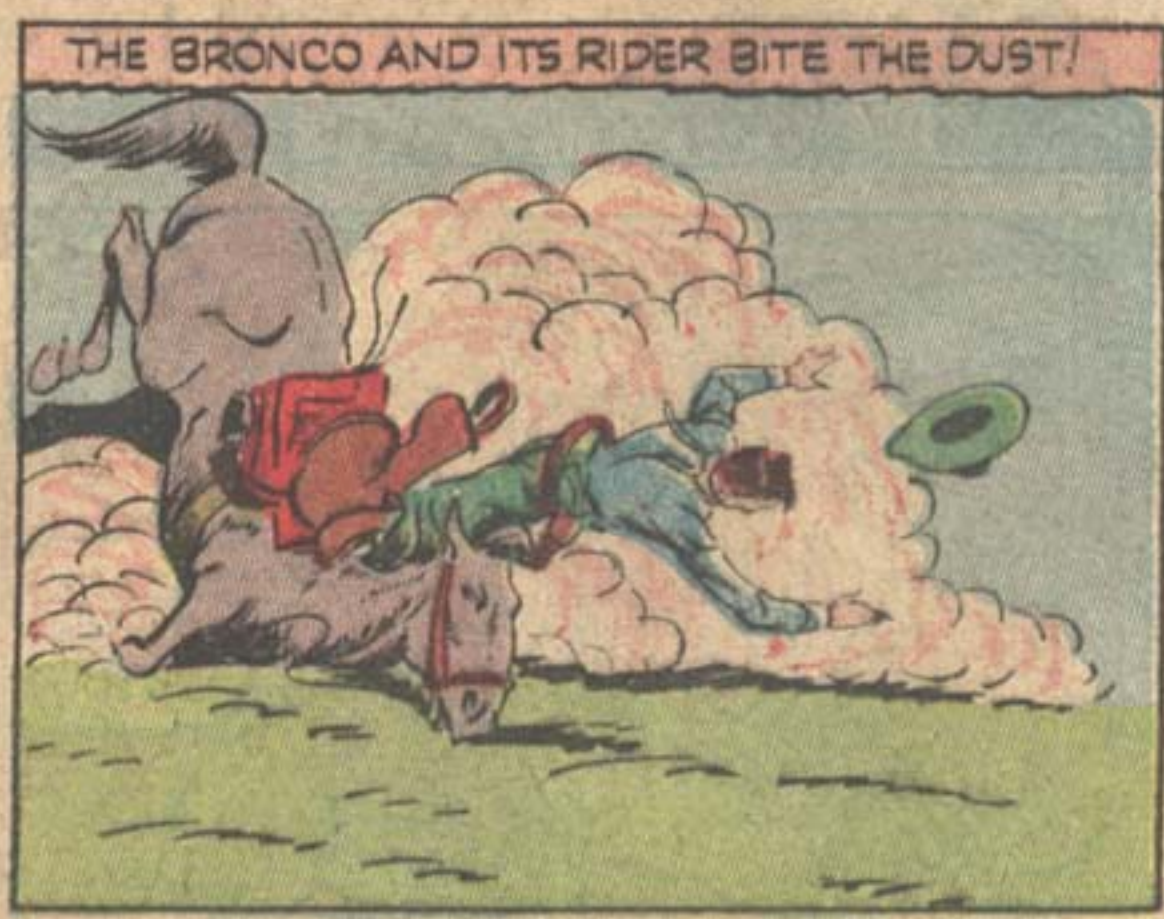


YAHOO!

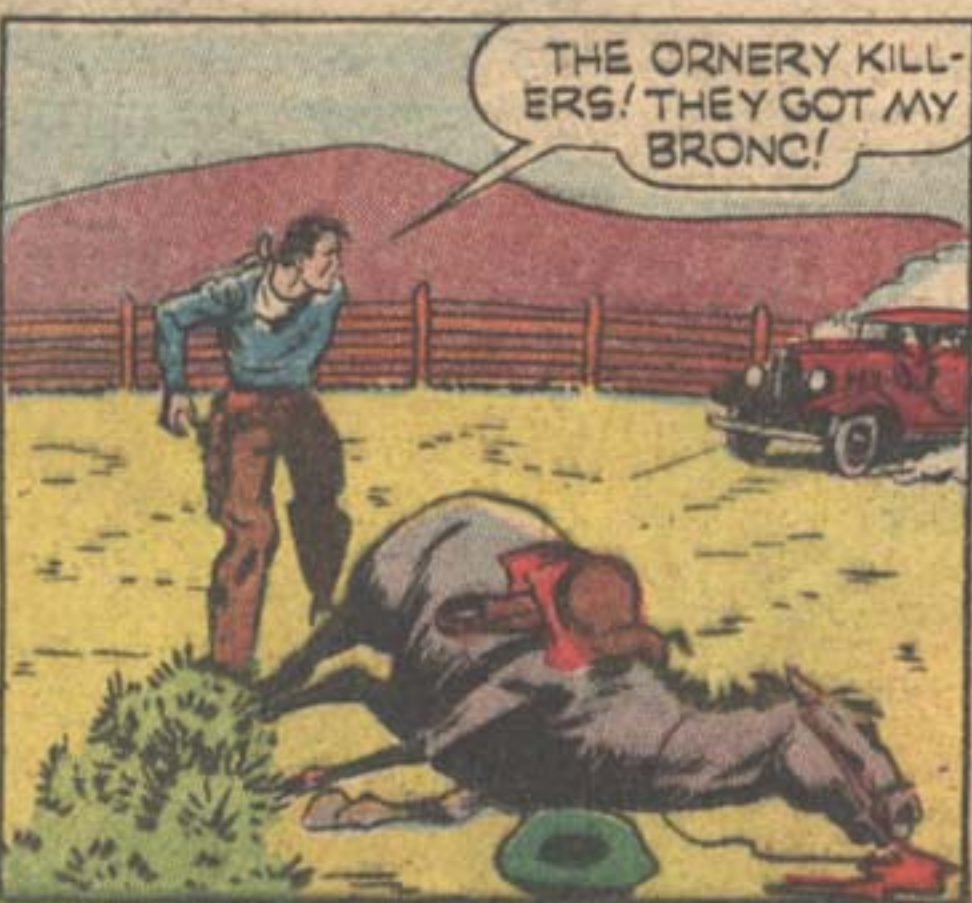
C'MON, KID!



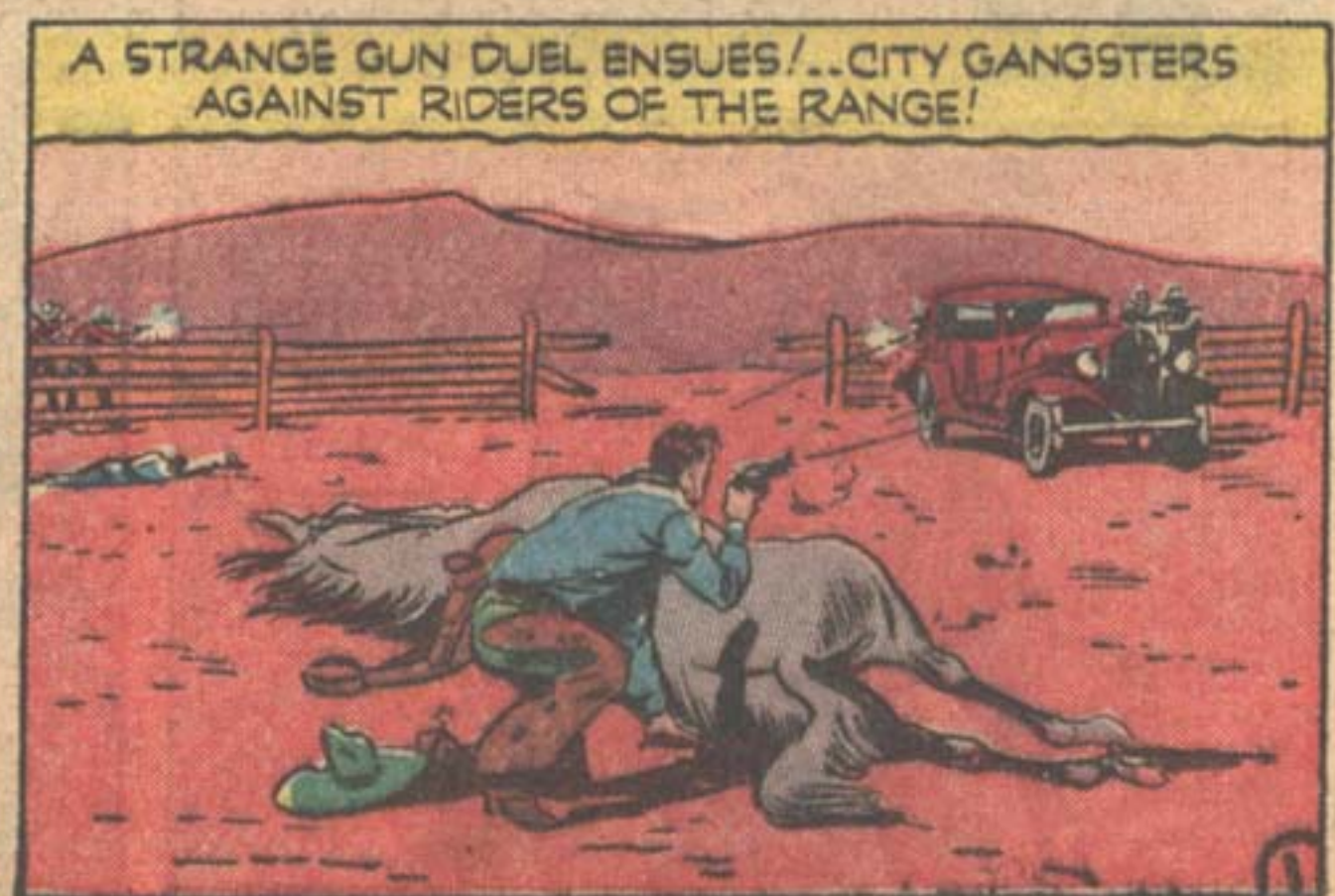
SUDDENLY A CAR COMES TEARING THROUGH THE CORRAL AND A STREAM OF MACHINE GUN BULLETS IS AIMED AT THE RIDER!



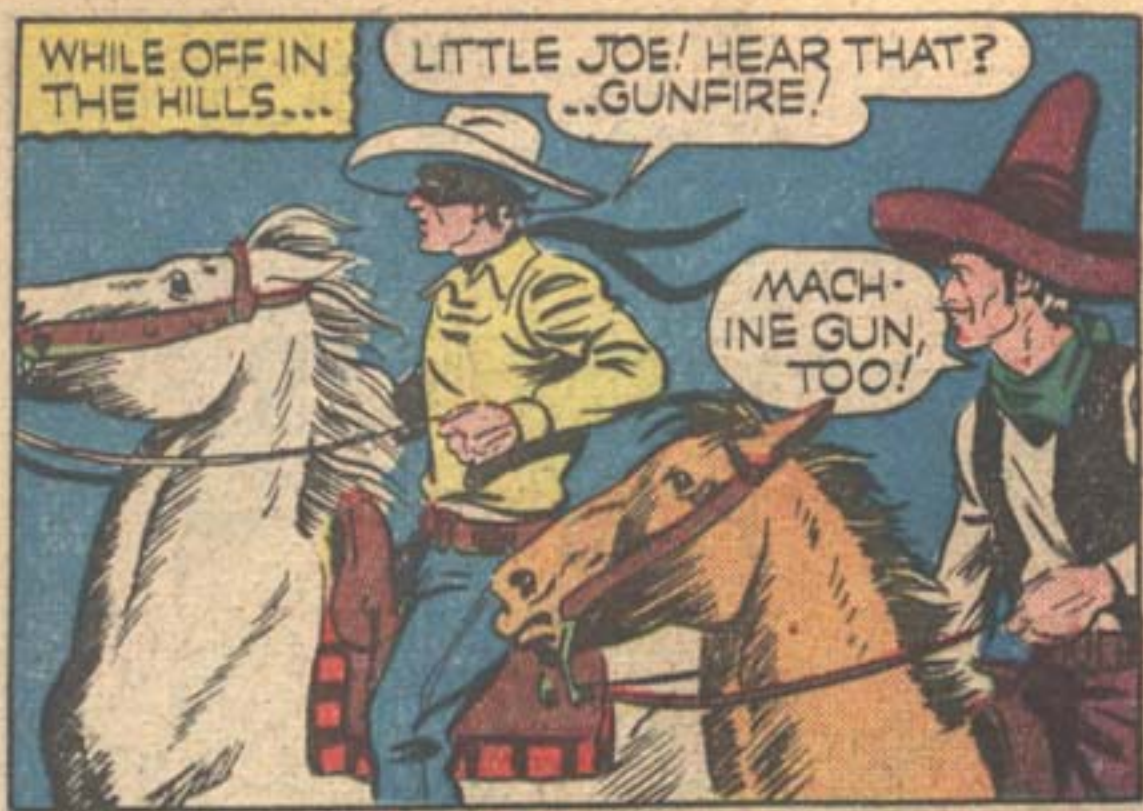
THE BRONCO AND ITS RIDER BITE THE DUST!



THE ORNERY KILLERS! THEY GOT MY BRONC!



A STRANGE GUN DUEL ENSUES!...CITY GANGSTERS AGAINST RIDERS OF THE RANGE!



WHILE OFF IN THE HILLS...

LITTLE JOE! HEAR THAT? ..GUNFIRE!

MACH-INE GUN, TOO!



C'MON! WE'RE GOIN' TO DO SOME INVE-S-TIGATIN'!



HEY, COKE LOOK!

THIS IS GETTIN' TOO HOT! LET'S SCRAM!

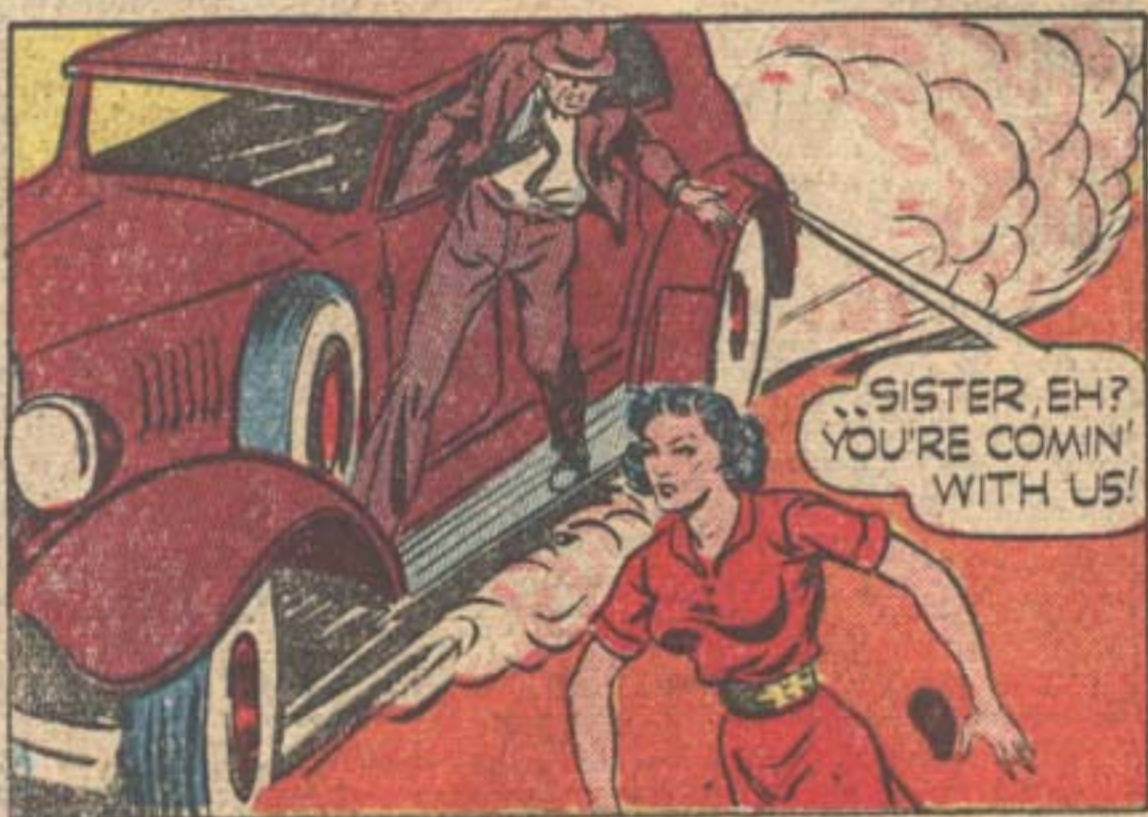
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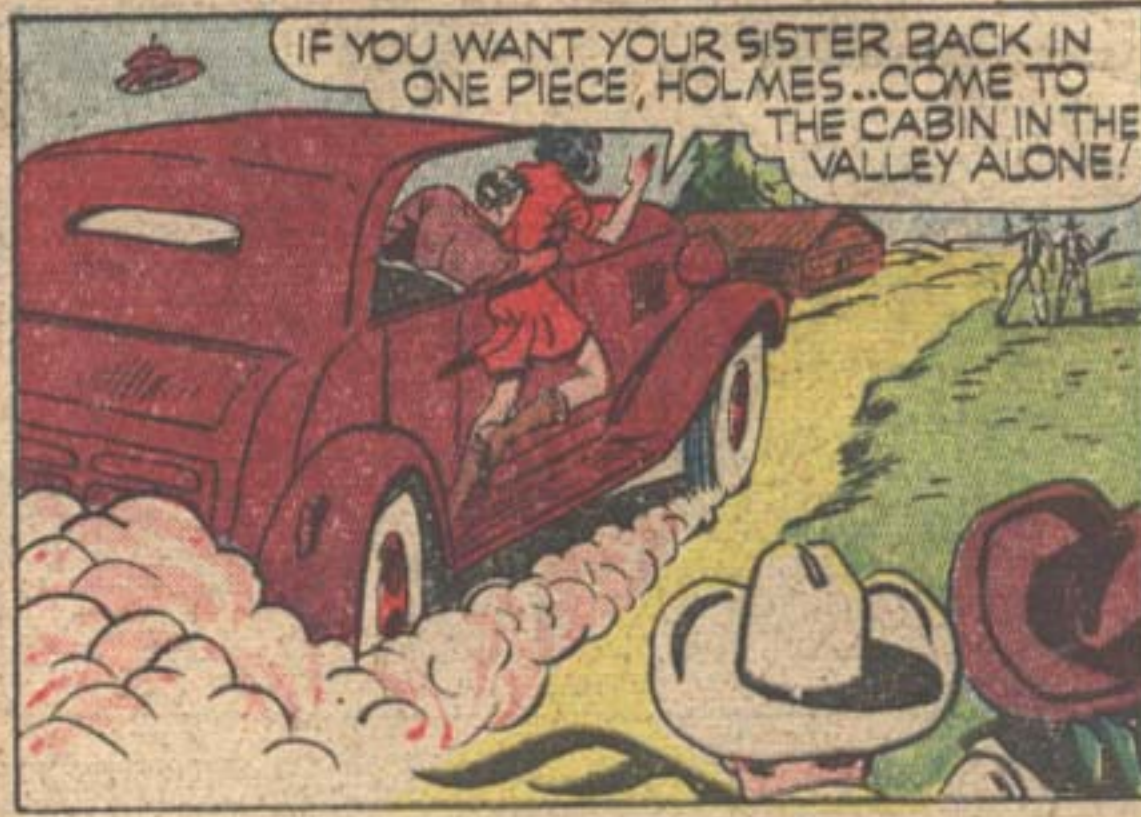


SIS! GET BEHIND SOMETHING! YOU'LL GET SHOT!

NO! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO GET A GUN FROM THE HOUSE! I'LL SHOW THOSE DIRTY KILLERS!



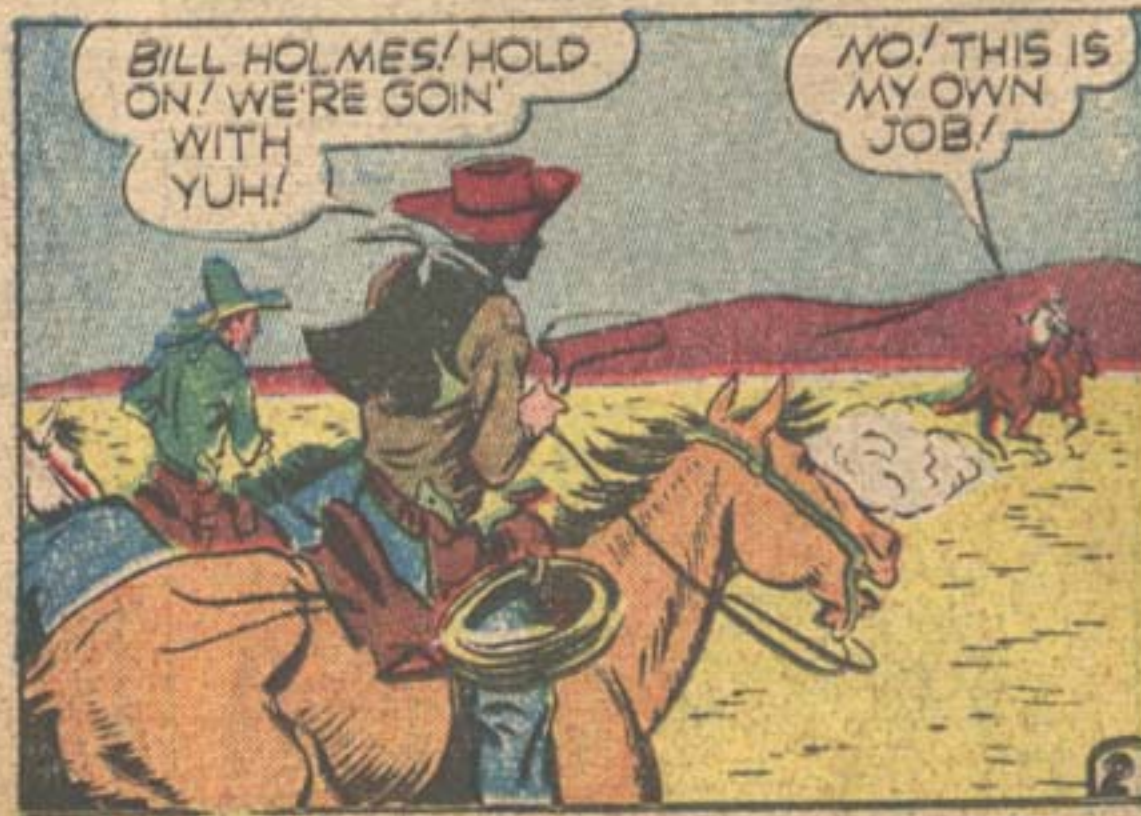
SISTER, EH? YOU'RE COMIN' WITH US!



IF YOU WANT YOUR SISTER BACK IN ONE PIECE, HOLMES..COME TO THE CABIN IN THE VALLEY ALONE!



STAY BACK, THE REST OF YOU! THOSE GUYS WOULD WIPE YOU OUT IF YUH TRIED TO STORM THAT VALLEY!



BILL HOLMES! HOLD ON! WE'RE GOIN' WITH YUH!

NO! THIS IS MY OWN JOB!

BILL HOLMES IS RIGHT! THOSE GANGSTERS WILL SHOOT 'EM DOWN IF THEY TRY TO GET THROUGH THAT PASS! LET'S TAKE THE SHORT CUT AND OVERHAUL HIM!



OKAY, BOSS!

PULL UP YOUR FREIGHT, HOLMES! YUH GOT COMPANY!  
YOU'RE THE HOMBRES WHO CAME TO OUR HELP BEFORE



I OWE YOU AN EXPLANATION! I JUST COME FROM THE CITY WHERE I GOT TANGLED UP WITH THOSE GANGSTERS! I WANTED TO QUIT, BUT THEY WOULDN'T LET ME! I LIT FOR HOME FIRST CHANCE I GOT.. THEY FOLLOWED! YOU KNOW THE REST!



HEY! WHERE YUH GOIN?  
TUH CLEAN OUT THOSE RATS! FOLLOW ME!



IN THE GANGSTERS' CABIN...



NOBODY EVER QUILTS THE MOB AND LIVES!

YOU MURDERING COWARDS!



COKE! THEM COWBOYS ARE COMIN!

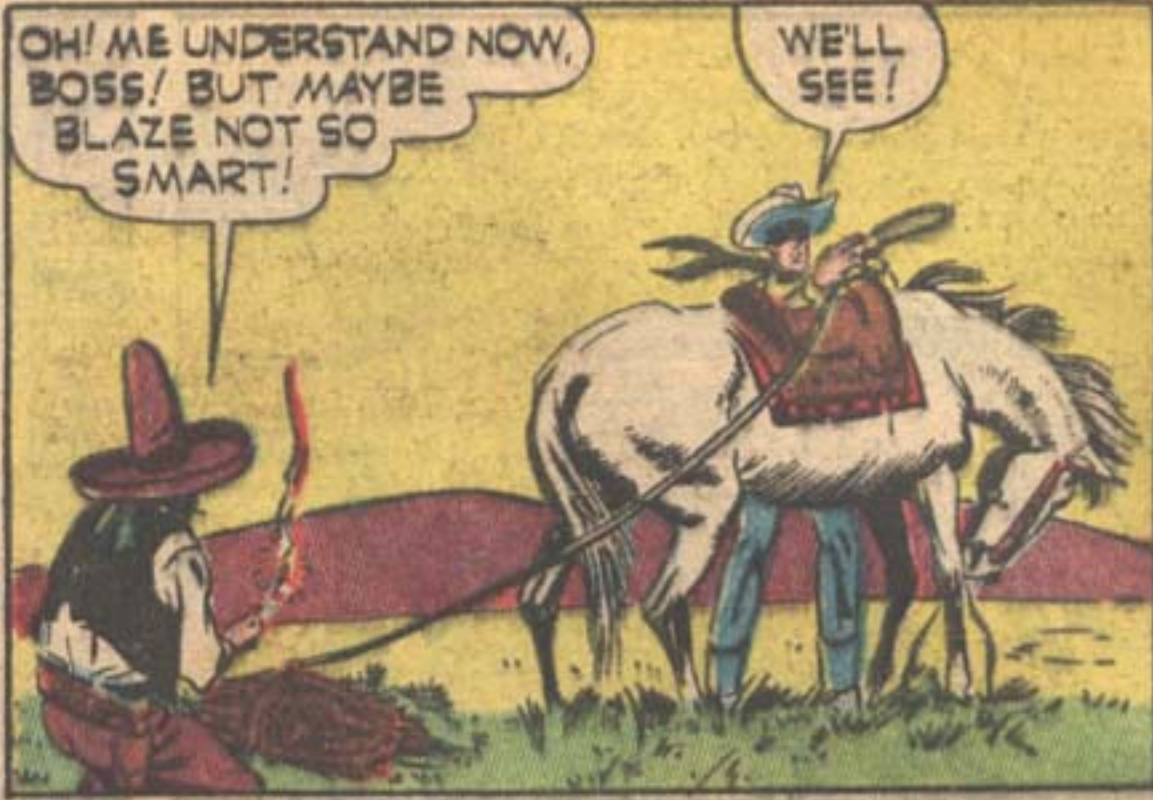


COVER THE PASS! WE'LL PICK 'EM OFF LIKE CLAY PIGEONS!

SO THEY WANTA PLAY COPS N' ROBBERS, EH! HAW, HAW! WOTTA LAFF!



MEANWHILE, NEVADA HAS TAKEN A SHORT CUT...  
THEY'RE RIDIN' INTO A TRAP!



AROUND AND AROUND GALLOPS BLAZE, SMOKE  
STREAMING THICKLY FROM BEHIND!

THERE'S A COWBOY IN  
THERE! GET 'M  
OUT!

SPOTTED US, EH, JOE? KEEP 'EM BUSY  
TILL I CAN GET  
THESE ROPES OFF  
MISS HOLMES!

WAIT A MINUTE! I KNOW HOW  
TO GET THOSE MUGGS  
O' THERE!...  
BURN 'EM  
OUT!

WE'LL SHOW THESE MUGGS  
THEY'RE UP AGAINST  
BIG TIME STUFF,  
MESSIN' WITH US!

OKAY! THAT  
DOES IT!

WHEN THEY COME  
RUNNIN' OUT,  
FILL 'EM FULL O'  
LEAD!

COUGH, COUGH! GOTTA  
GET OUTTA HERE,  
LITTLE JOE!

HERE THEY COME!  
NOW, LET 'EM  
HAVE IT!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT THE OTHER COWBOYS, HIDDEN BY THE SMOKE, APPROACH THE PASS...



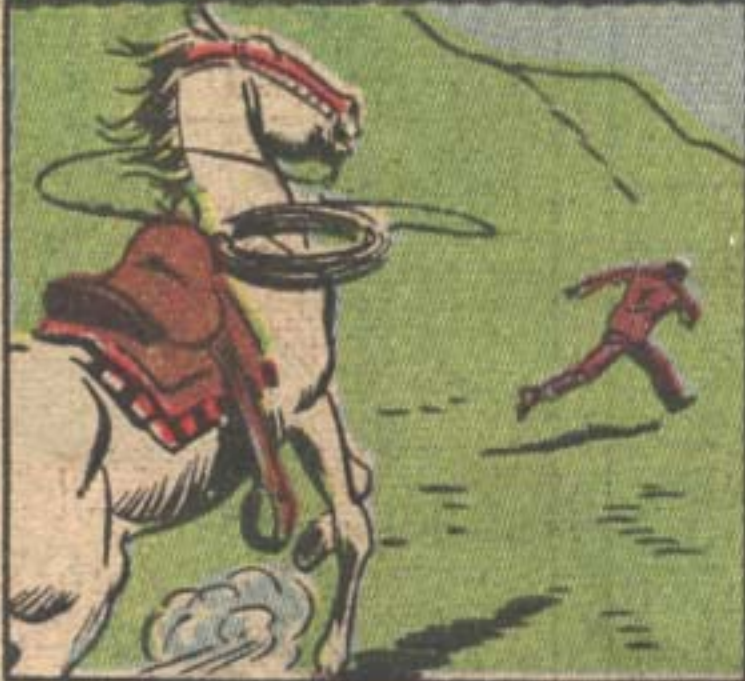
...AND BURST THROUGH IN THE NICK OF TIME!



I'M BREEZIN'! IT AINT HEALTHY AROUND HERE!



BLAZE'S AMAZING INSTINCT IMPELS HIM TO GIVE CHASE!



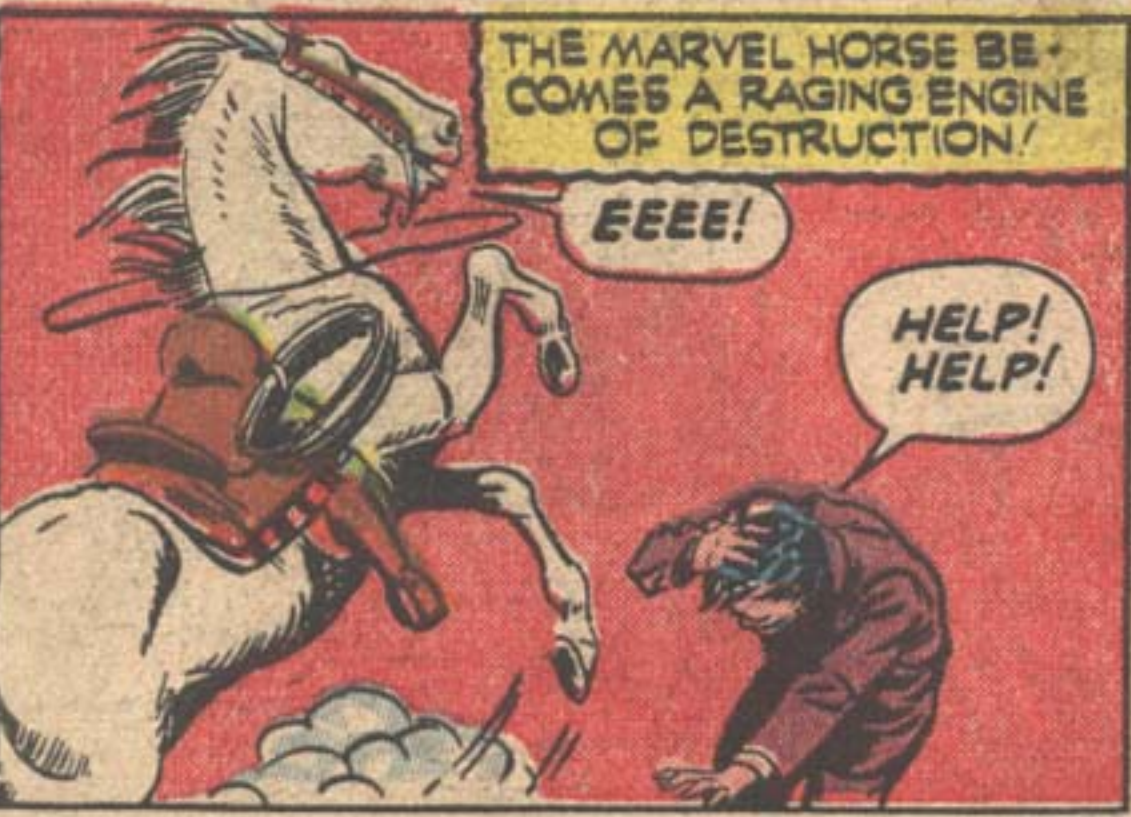
BLAZE OVERTAKES HIM!



THE MARVEL HORSE BECOMES A RAGING ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION!

EEEE!

HELP! HELP!



BLAZE! BLAZE! STOP!

I GIVE UP! GET THAT DEVIL OFF ME!



WELL, THAT GANG WONT BOTHER ME AGAIN! I OWE YOU A HEAP O' THANKS, PARDNER!

NOPE! IT'S BLAZE YOU OUGHTA THANK!

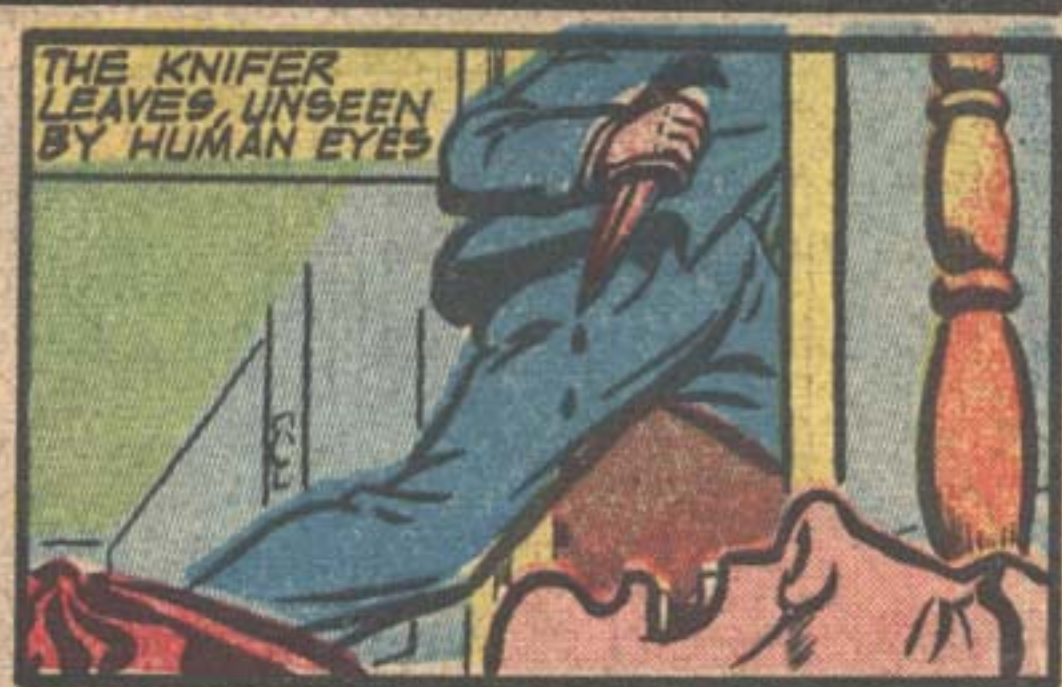
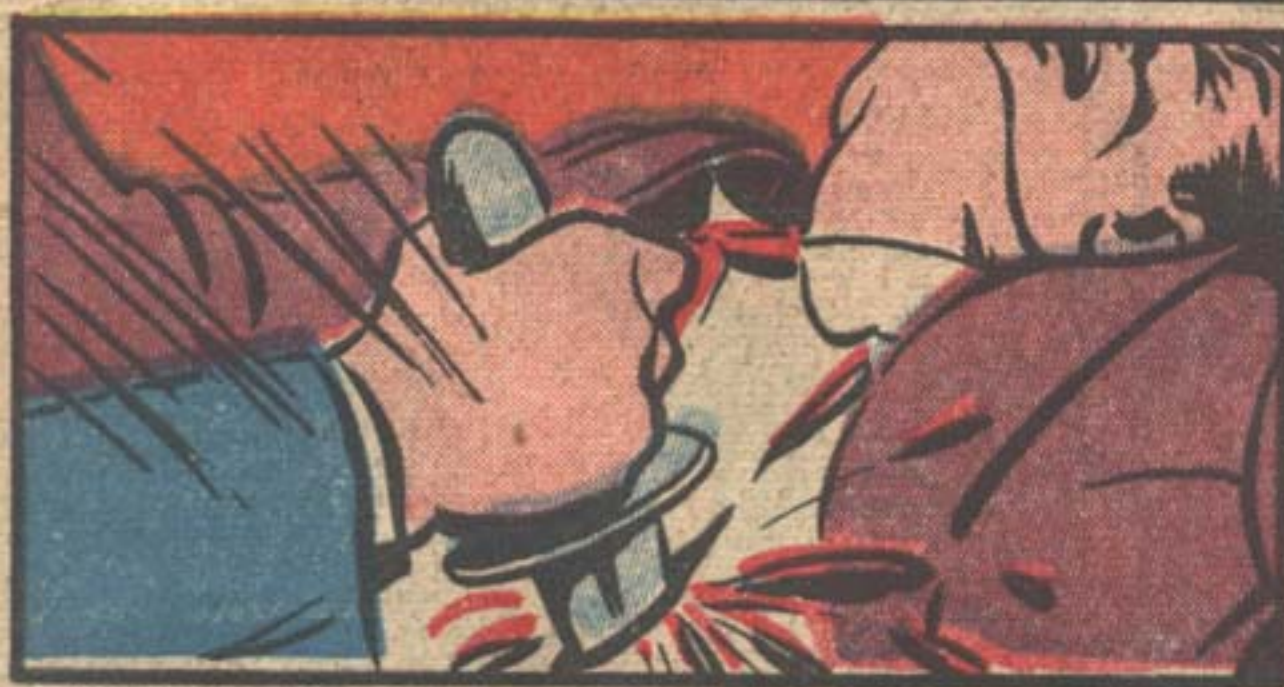
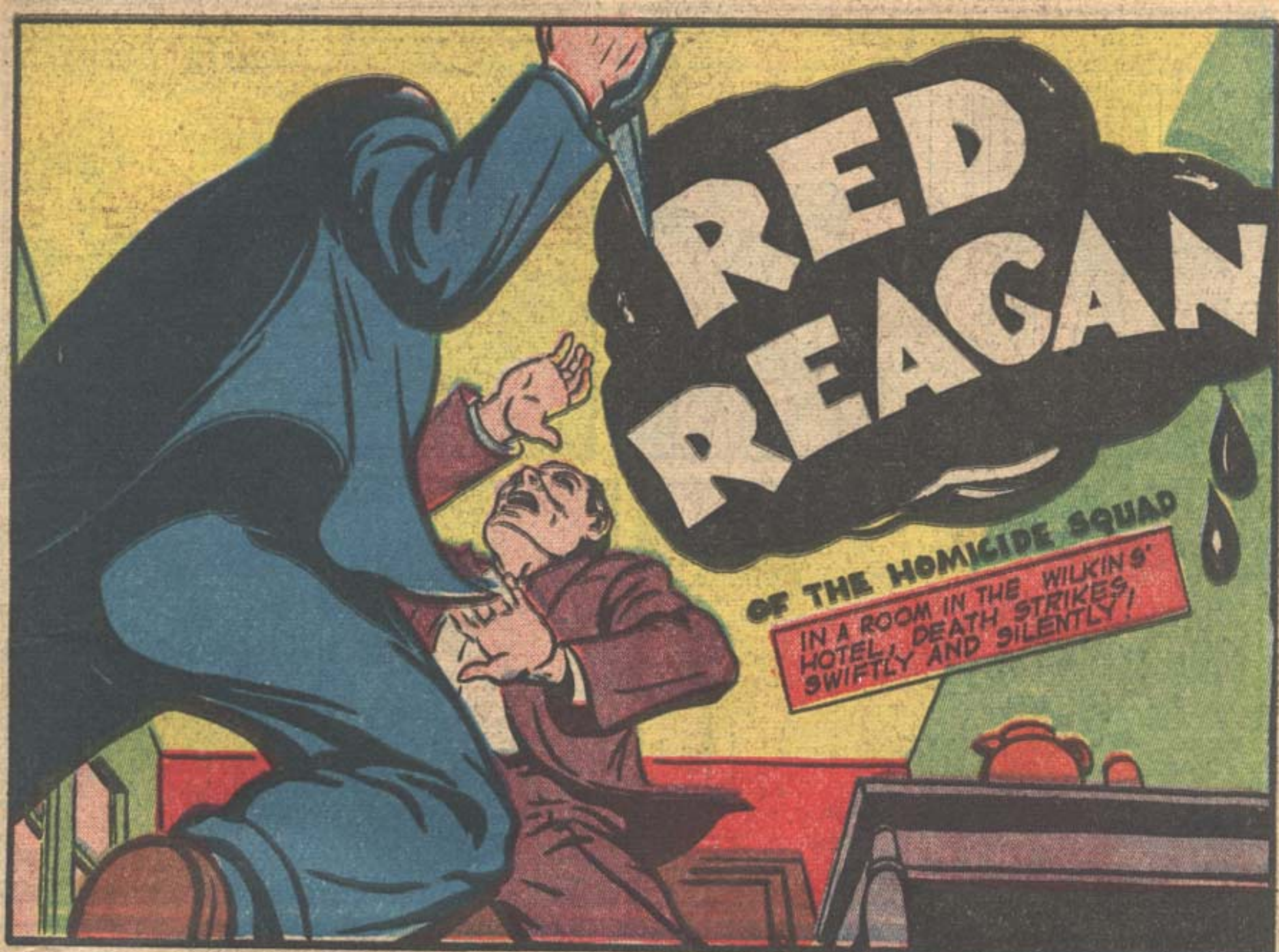
YES! AND I'M GOING TO... (SMACK)!

NNNYEE!

BUST MAH BOOTS IF THAT CUSS DONT APPRECIATE IT!



MORE OF NEVADA JONES, HIS WONDER HORSE, BLAZE, AND HIS SIDE-KICK, LITTLE JOE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS





RED REAGAN OF THE HOMICIDE SQUAD ARRIVES AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!



WHAT'S THIS, LIEUTENANT? A TELEGRAM TO THE VICTIM?



YEAH! IT'S FROM A GUY IN CHICAGO THAT'S SUSPECTED OF DEALING IN STOLEN DIAMONDS!



WESTERN POSTAL  
CHICAGO  
J. C. LOOPER  
WILKINS HOTEL  
WE CANNOT MAKE DELIVERY.  
M. PASKVAN.



THIS WIRE MUST HAVE ARRIVED JUST BEFORE LOOPER WAS MURDERED! FIND THE BOY WHO DELIVERED IT!

WILKINS, OWNER OF THE HOTEL, STORMS INTO THE ROOM!



YOU GOTTA KEEP THIS QUIET! IT'LL RUIN MY BUSINESS! I DEMAND ACTION!

JUST A MOMENT! HERE'S SOMEONE I WANT TO SEE!



IS THIS THE MAN WHO TOOK THE WIRE WHEN YOU DELIVERED IT?

NO, SIR! THE MURDERED MAN DIDN'T SIGN FOR IT!



WHO DID?

WELL, HE WAS A YOUNGER MAN - AND HE WALKED SORT OF LIKE HE WAS DRUNK - OR AS IF HE WAS SICK AND FELT LIKE THE FLOOR WAS WOBBLING UNDER HIM!

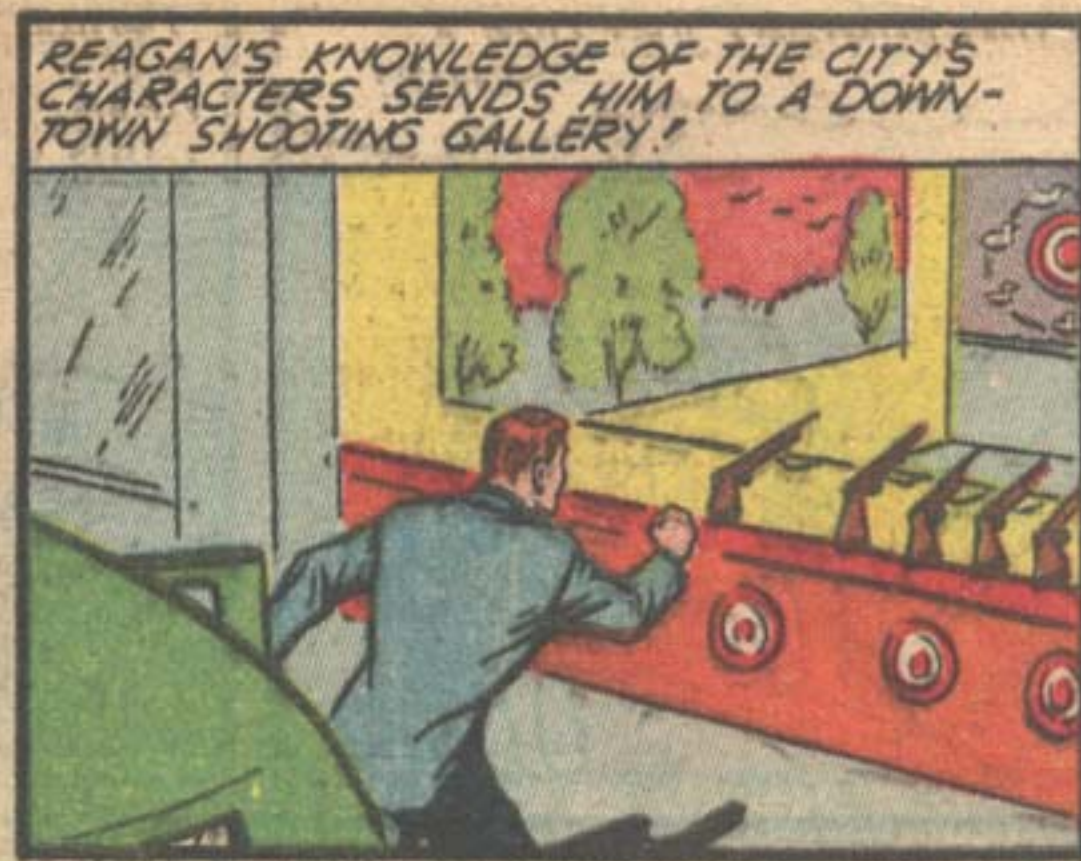


HERE'S A LITTLE TIP FOR YOU, SON! YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP!

GEE THANKS!



I'M BORROWING YOUR CAR, LIEUTENANT! I'VE GOT A LEAD ON THIS CASE!



REAGAN'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE CITY'S CHARACTERS SENDS HIM TO A DOWNTOWN SHOOTING GALLERY!



THERE'S BEEN A SLIGHT CASE OF MURDER AT HOTEL WILKINS, MISS LORENZ! THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR BROTHER! WE'VE WATCHED HIM EVER SINCE WE HAD THAT LITTLE TROUBLE WITH HIM LAST YEAR.



JACK DIDN'T COMMIT ANY MURDER, I KNOW THAT! HE'S BEEN HONESTLY EMPLOYED AS A SAILOR FOR MONTHS! BUT IF YOU THINK I'LL TELL YOU WHERE HE IS, YOU'RE CRAZY!



TOO BAD YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE COOPERATING! THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO SEND OUT AN ALARM TO HAVE SAILOR JACK LORENZ PICKED UP!!!



AS REAGAN LEAVES, THE LORENZ GIRL FIRES AT HIM! BUT THE HOMICIDE ACE THROWS HIS BODY OUT OF RANGE AT THE LAST SPLIT-SECOND!



I-I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT! DON'T HURT ME! PLEASE LET ME GO! I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT!

HM! FAINTED! JUST LIKE A WOMAN!



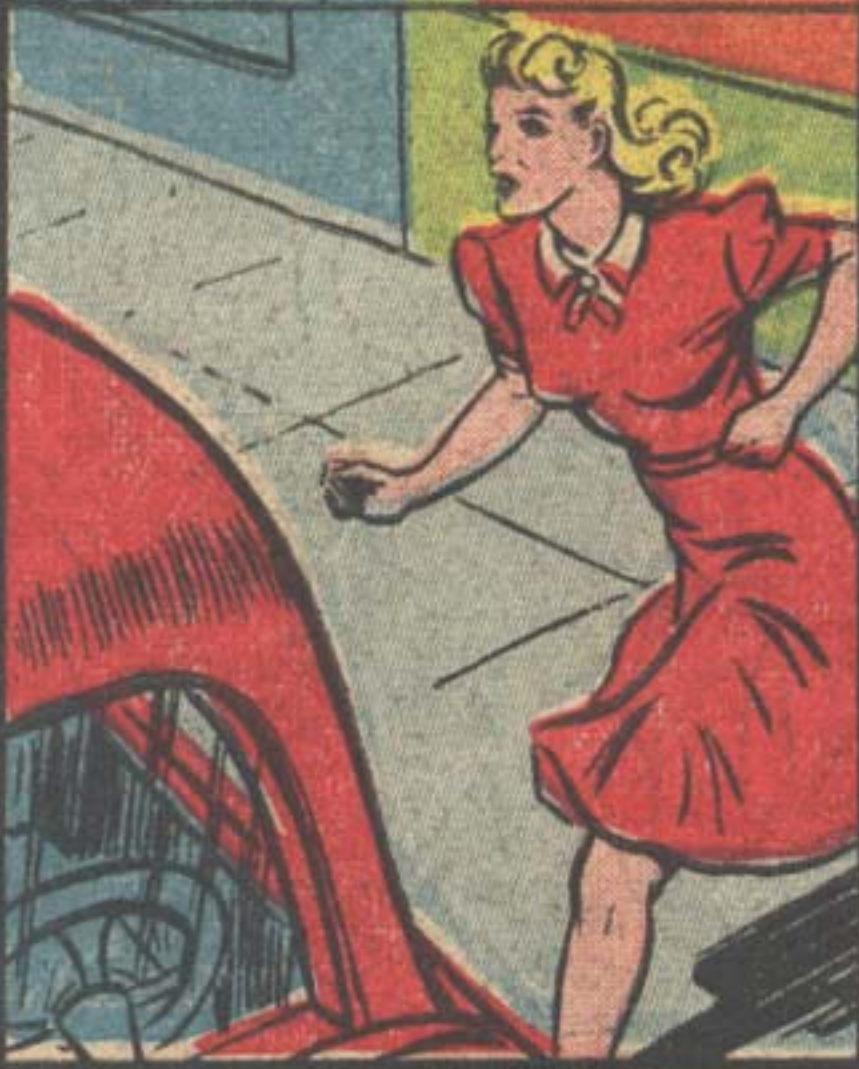
I THINK SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT HERE UNTIL I CALL HEADQUARTERS AND HAVE THEM PICK UP HER BROTHER!



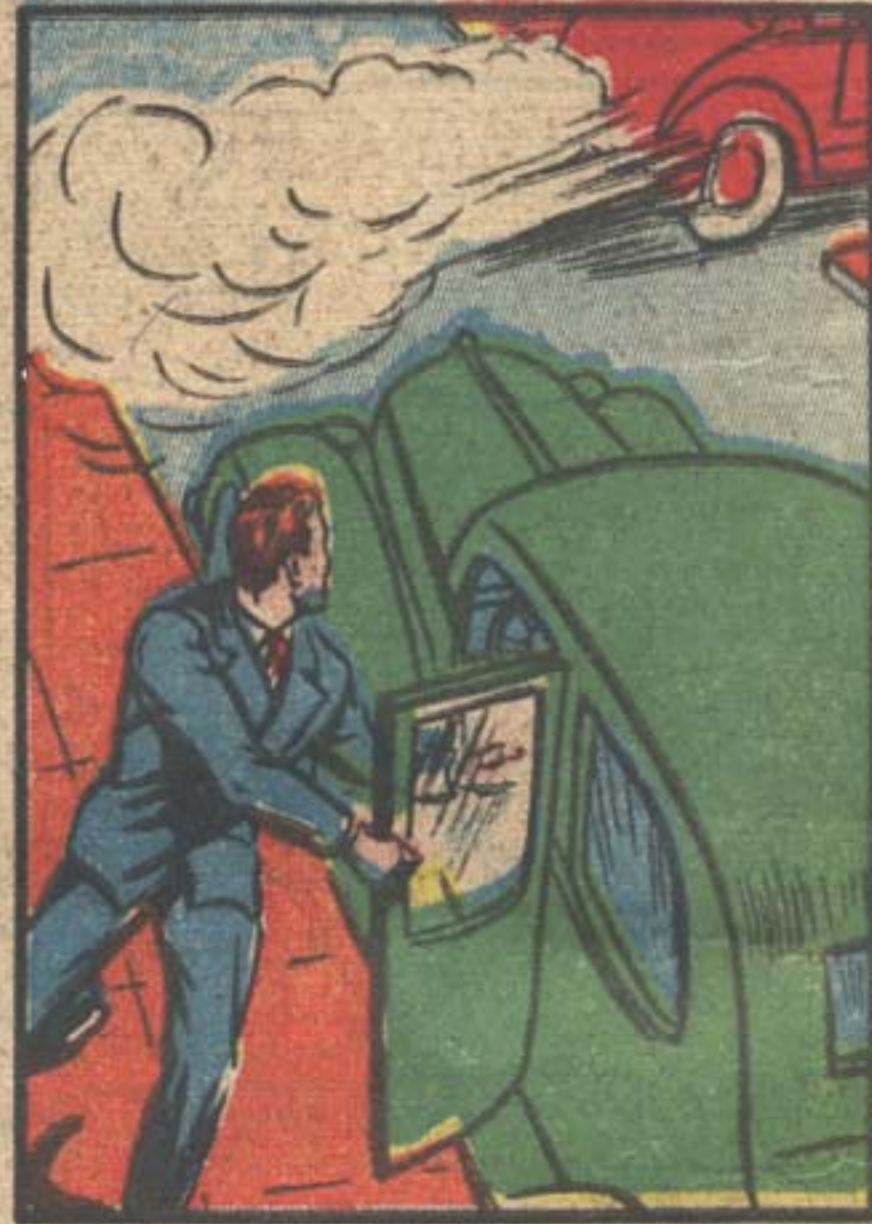
IN THE PHONE BOOTH REAGAN PRETENDS TO DIAL A NUMBER



AS REAGAN PHONES, THE GIRL LEAPS UP AND DASHES TO HER CAR!



AH! IT WORKED! NOW IF I'M STILL LUCKY, I HAVE A HUNCH I'LL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HER TO HER BROTHER!



RED FOLLOWS THE GIRL'S CAR TO THE WATERFRONT!



SURE IS DARK DOWN HERE AMONG THESE ALLEYWAYS! WHICH WAY DID SHE GO?



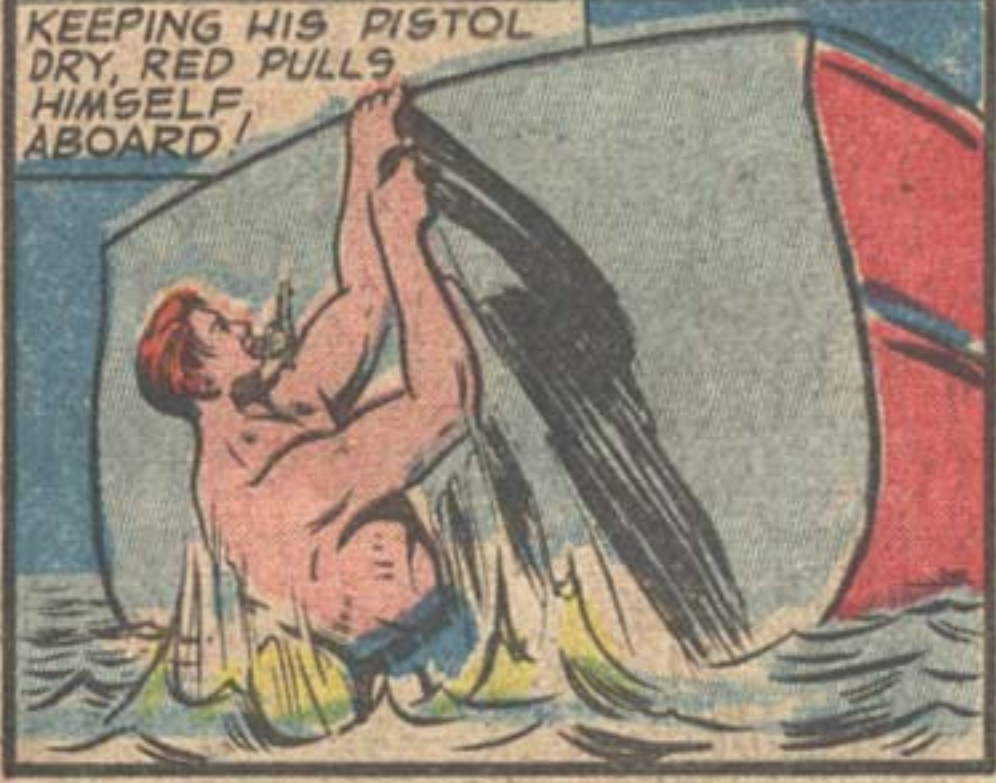
BUT RED REAGAN IS ONLY FELLED TEMPORARILY...



LOOKS LIKE THE GREAT REAGAN IS A VICTIM OF A CHEAP CROOK! MY WALLET'S GONE, BUT HE OVERLOOKED MY GUN - WHICH IS ONE LUCKY BREAK!



HEADING OUT TOWARDS THAT MOTOR YACHT, EH? I HAVE A HUNCH I'M ABOUT TO RENEW MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH HER BROTHER



THE DETECTIVE EDGES HIS WAY TOWARDS A WINDOW OUTSIDE THE CABIN!



I GUESS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT I ARRANGED FOR YOU TO BE SEEN IN LOOPER'S ROOM BEFORE I BUMPED HIM OFF! YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN THAT TO TH' COPS!

I DON'T THINK HE'LL HAVE TO DO ANY EXPLAINING, WILKINS! I'VE HEARD AND SEEN ENOUGH TO SEND YOU UP FOR KEEPS! DROP THAT GUN!!!

WHEN THE WESTERN POSTAL MESSENGER BOY GAVE ME A DESCRIPTION OF "A MAN WHO WALKED LIKE HE WAS DRUNK" - I KNEW IT WAS A SAILOR, FRESH OFF A SHIP! AND I ALSO KNEW THAT JACK LORENZ WAS WORKING ON YOUR BOAT!

WE ALWAYS KEEP TABS ON MEN WHO RUN AFOUL OF THE LAW!  
LOOK OUT!

NO YOU DON'T, WILKINS!  
WOW! THAT WAS CLOSE!  
UGH!

I'-I'LL CONFESS! I WAS LOOPER'S SILENT PARTNER IN A DIAMOND-SMUGGLING RACKET! I WANTED TO GET RID OF HIM AND CASH IN ON THE ROCKS MYSELF! I KILLED HIM!

REAGAN - THE HARBOR PATROL HEARD THE SHOTS! THEY'RE TYING UP ALONG-SIDE!  
GOOD!

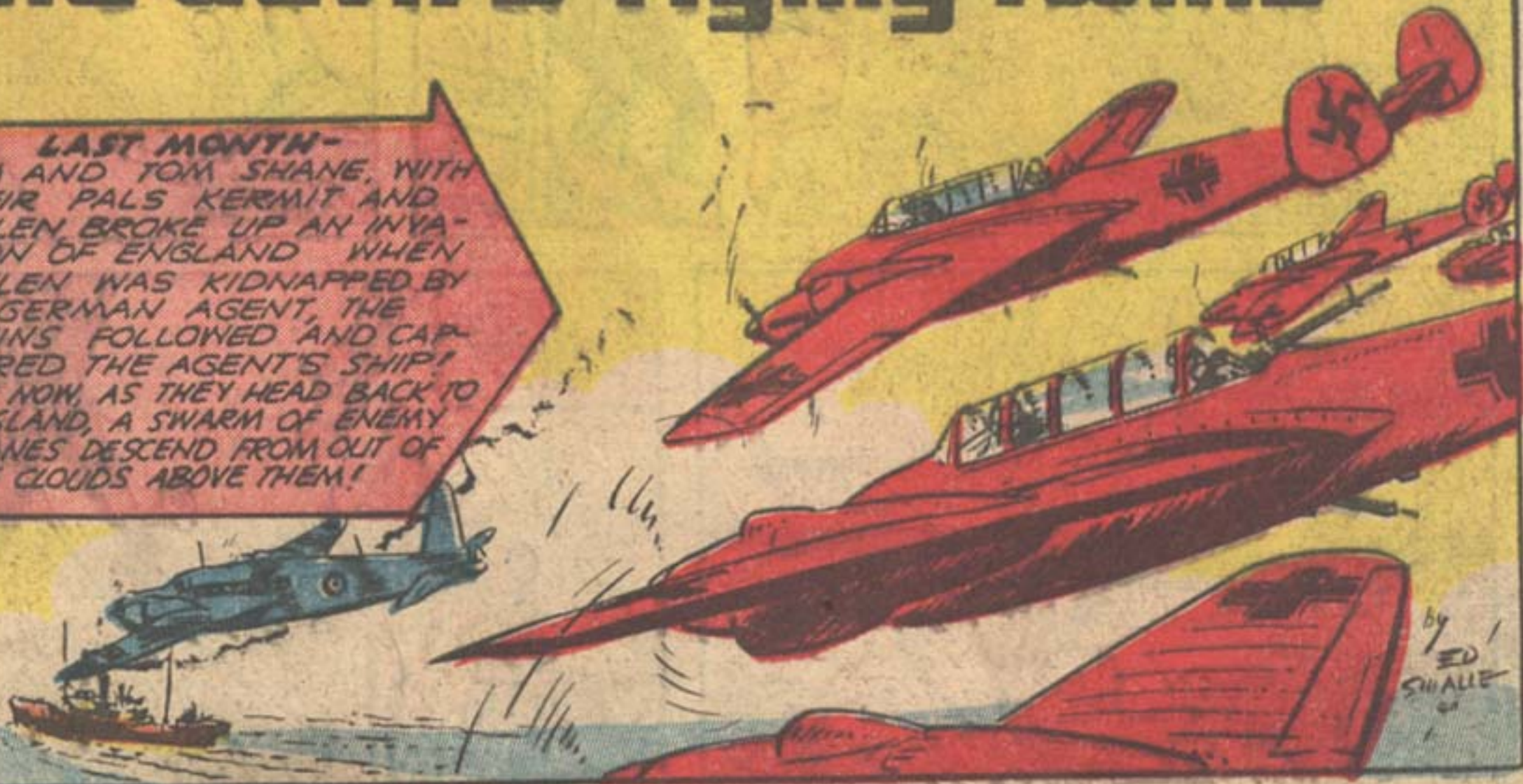
BETTER GET THIS MAN TO THE HOSPITAL! I THINK HE'LL PULL THROUGH ALL RIGHT, EVEN IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO! BECAUSE IF HE DOES LIVE, HE DIES IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

WELL, KIDS - I GUESS YOU CAN RELAX NOW! AND REMEMBER GIRLS SHOULDN'T TRY TO KILL COPS WHO TRY TO SAVE THEIR BROTHERS!  
NEXT MONTH, RED REAGAN UNRAVELS ONE OF HIS MOST ASTOUNDING CASES IN ZIP GOMICS!

# War Eagles

## the devil's flying twins

**LAST MONTH-**  
 TIM AND TOM SHANE, WITH  
 THEIR PALS KERMIT AND  
 HELEN BROKE UP AN INVA-  
 SION OF ENGLAND WHEN  
 HELEN WAS KIDNAPPED BY  
 A GERMAN AGENT, THE  
 TWINS FOLLOWED AND CAP-  
 TURED THE AGENT'S SHIP!  
 BUT NOW, AS THEY HEAD BACK TO  
 ENGLAND, A SWARM OF ENEMY  
 PLANES DESCEND FROM OUT OF  
 THE CLOUDS ABOVE THEM!



by  
 ED  
 SHALLE

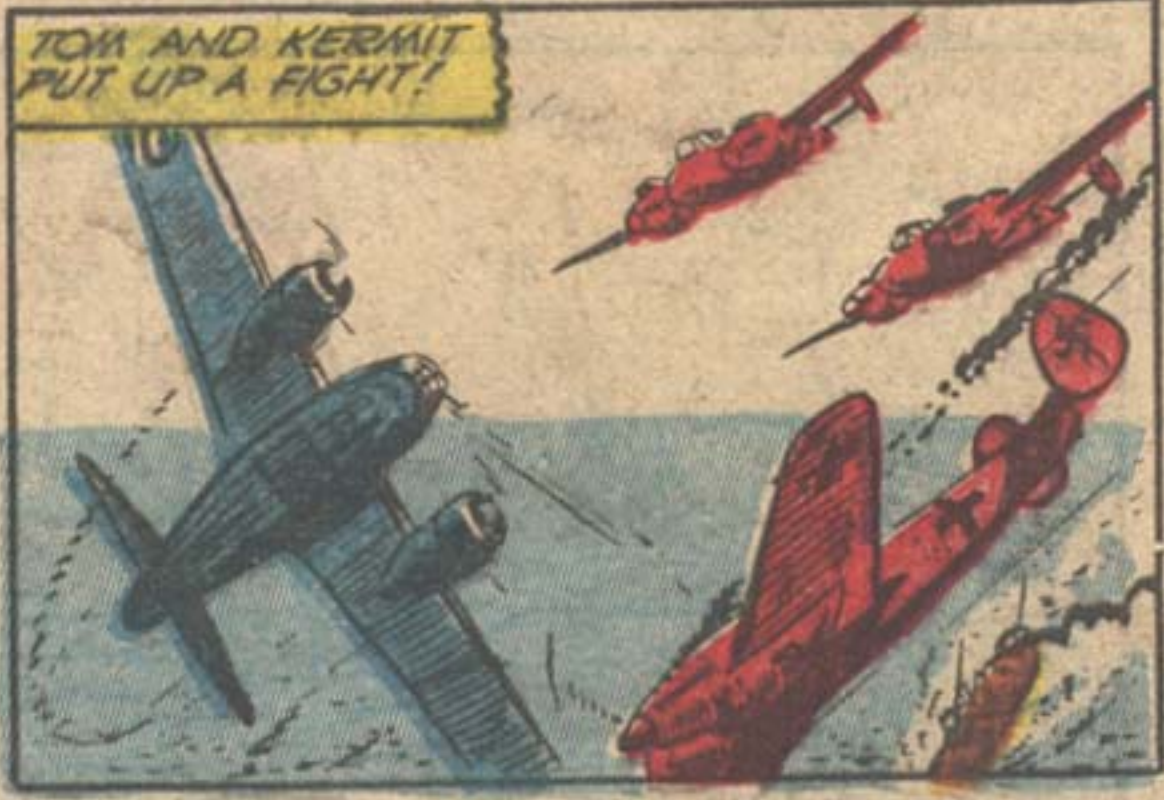
OH, TIM -  
 LOOK! NAZI  
 BOMBERS!

POOR TOM  
 AND KERMIT!  
 THEY HAVEN'T  
 A CHANCE  
 AGAINST THAT  
 MOB!



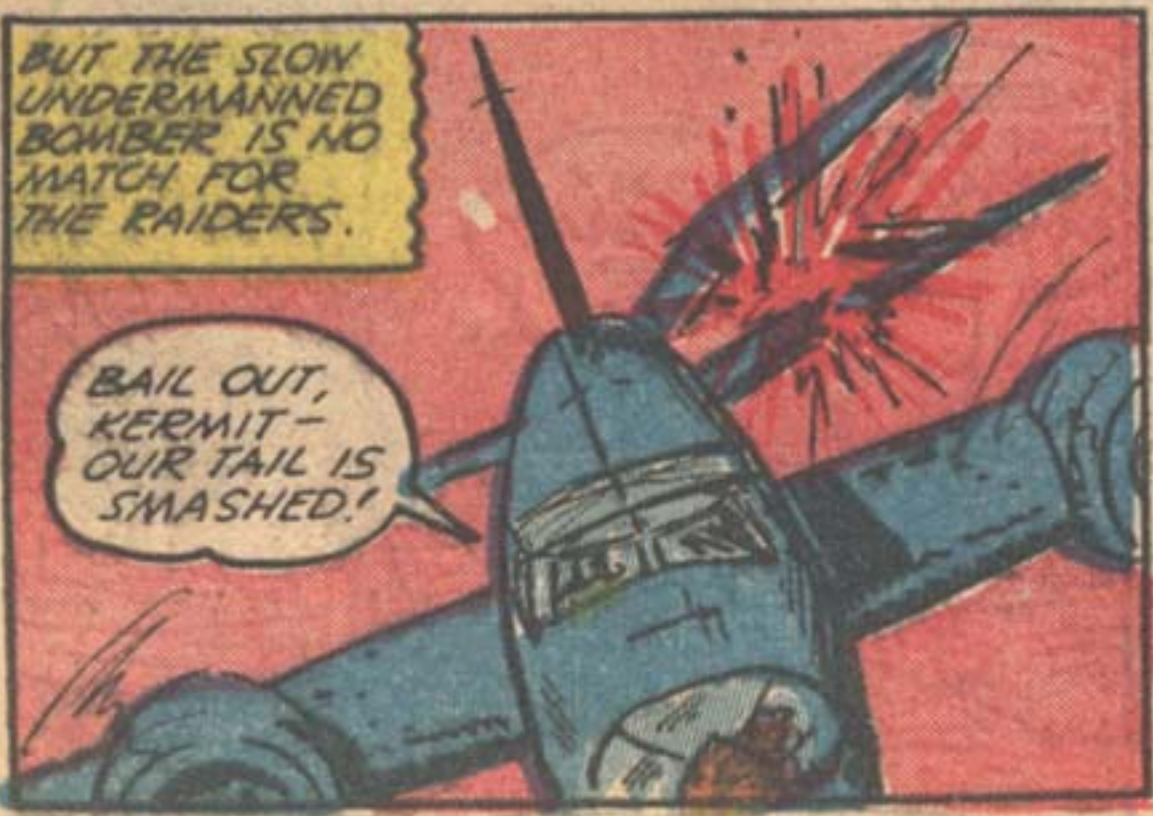
ABOARD THE  
 FREIGHTER...

TOM AND KERMIT  
 PUT UP A FIGHT!



BUT THE SLOW  
 UNDERMANNED  
 BOMBER IS NO  
 MATCH FOR  
 THE RAIDERS.

BAIL OUT,  
 KERMIT -  
 OUR TAIL IS  
 SMASHED!



MEANWHILE - ABOARD THE CAPTURED STEAMER, HELEN AND TIM ARE HAVING THEIR TROUBLES, TOO -

ABANDON SHIP BEFORE WE'RE BLOWN TO BITS!

THOSE GERMAN PLANES DON'T KNOW WE'RE A "SPY SHIP" THEY'LL BLOW US TO BITS!

STAND BACK OR I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT!

LET US AT THOSE LIFE BOATS!

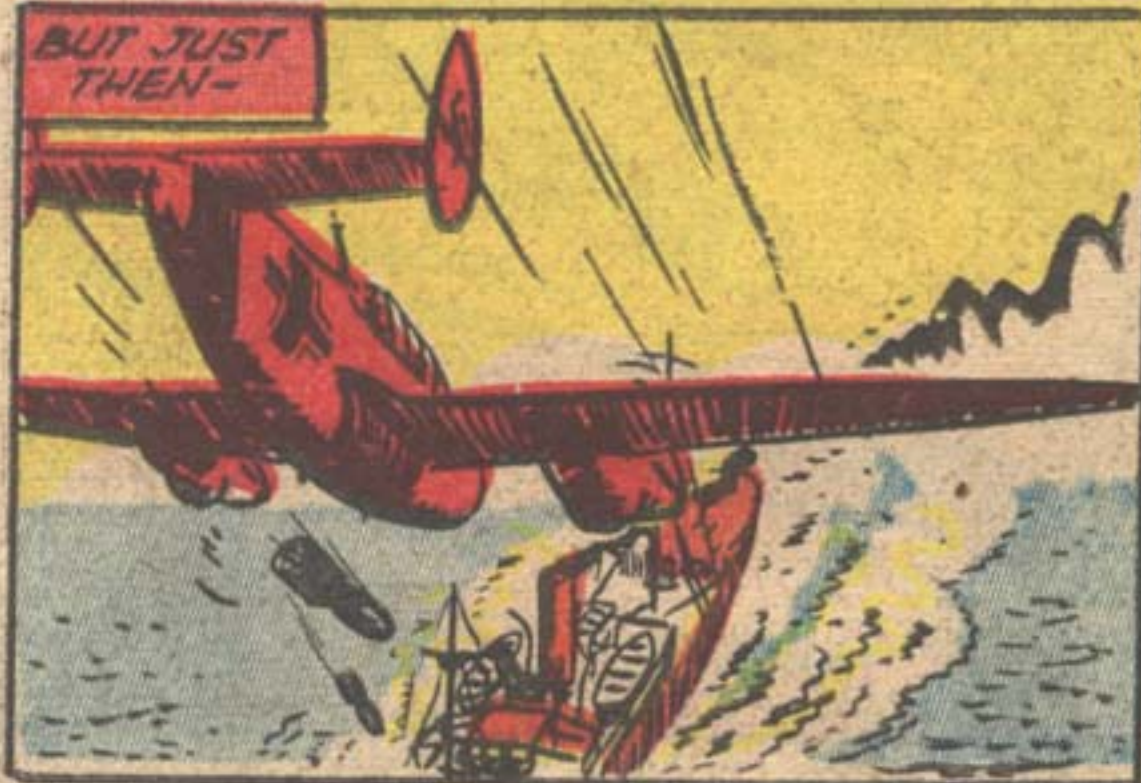


WHAT ARE YOU BUMS WAITING FOR - RUSH 'EM AND THE SHIP IS YOURS! C'MON!

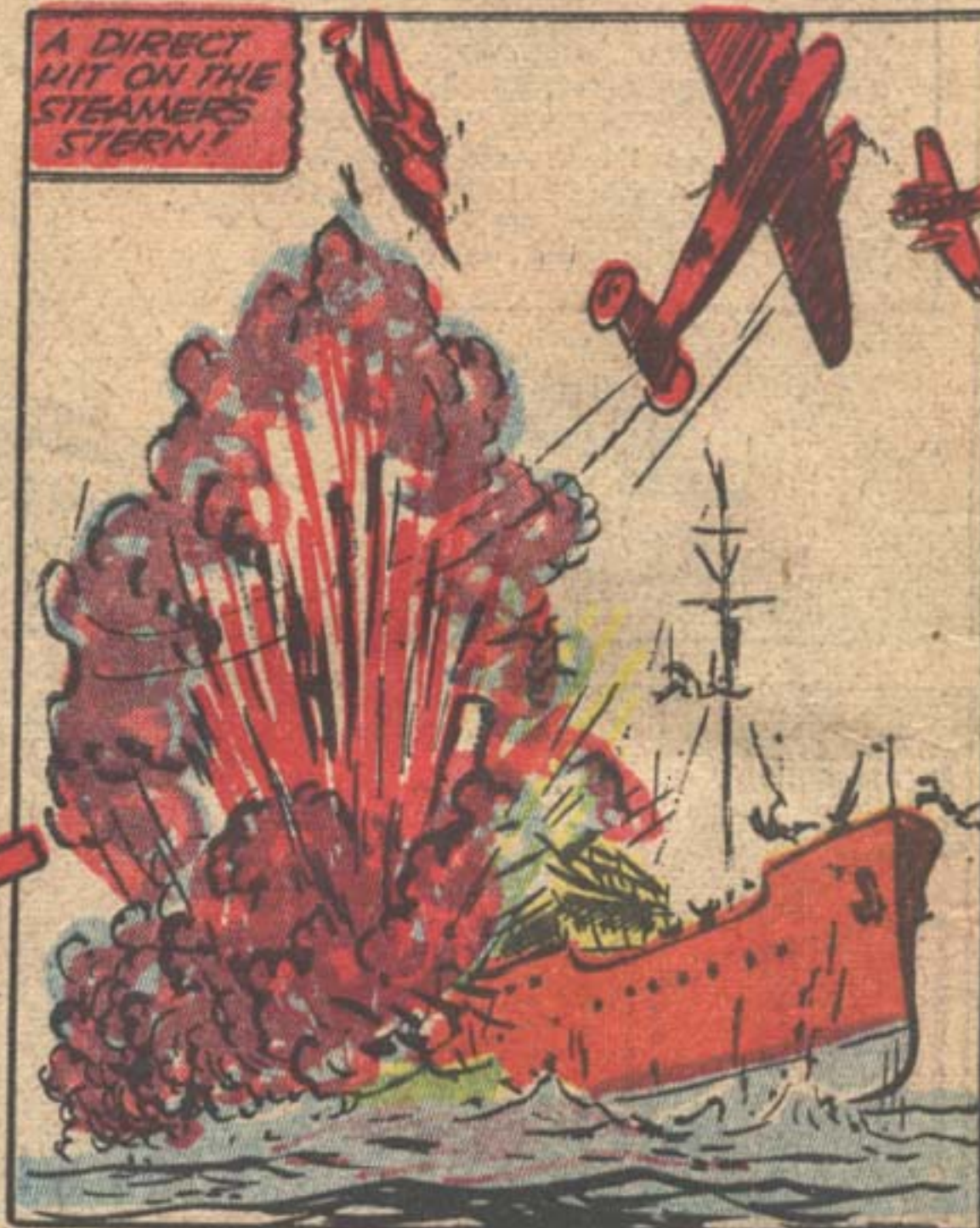
WARE, THE GERMAN SECRET AGENT, STEPS FORWARD!



BUT JUST THEN -

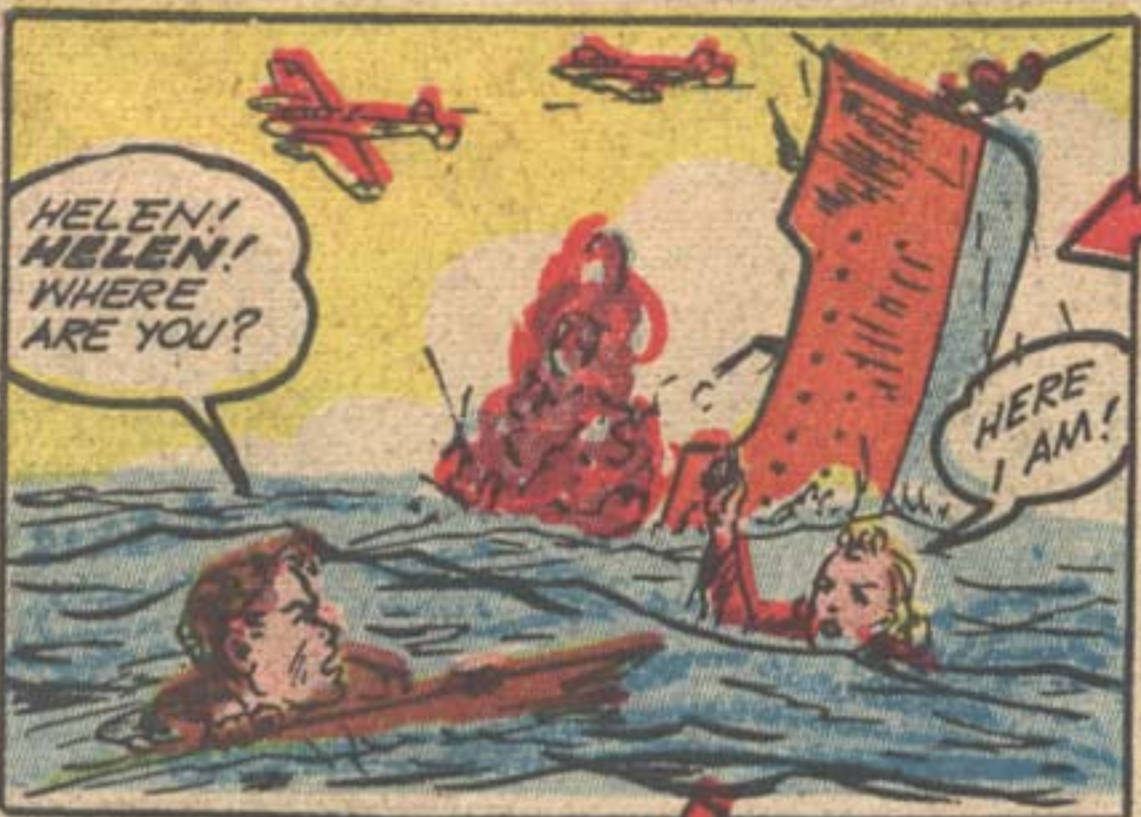


A DIRECT HIT ON THE STEAMER'S STERN!



HELEN! HELEN! WHERE ARE YOU?

HERE I AM!



WE MUST HAVE BEEN THROWN CLEAR BY THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION!

OUR LUCKY STAR IS SURE WITH US! HERE - GRAB HOLD OF THIS DRIFT WOOD!



THERE'S TOM AND KERMIT LANDING!

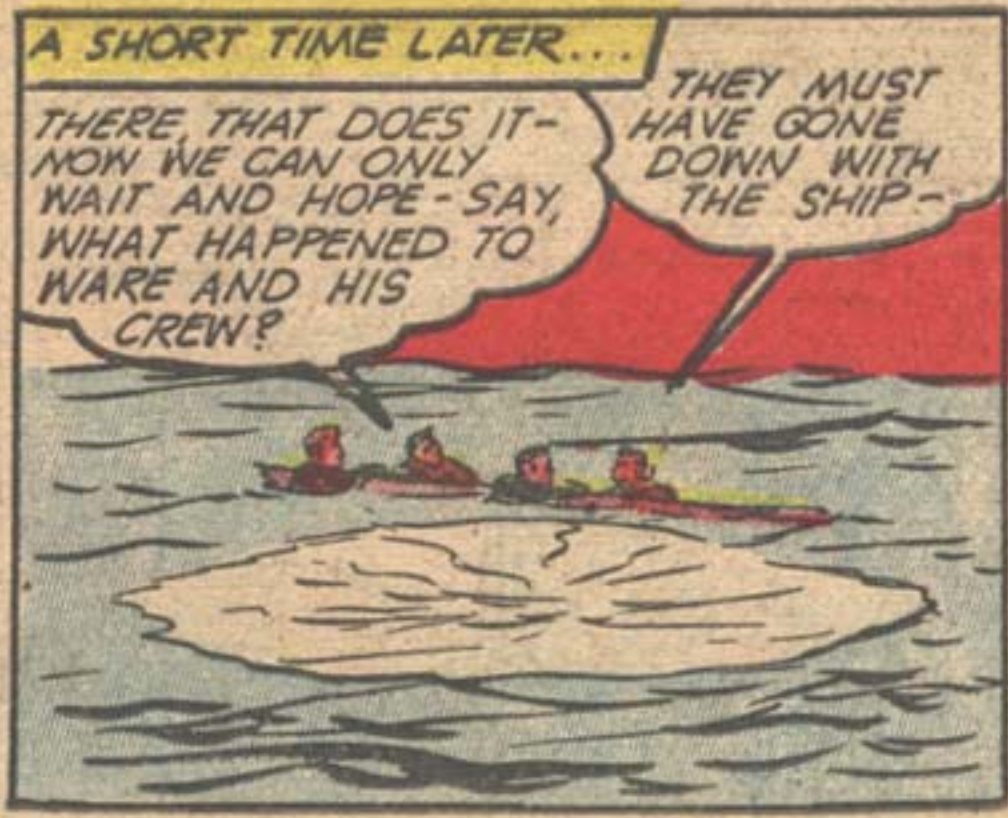
TOM! KERMIT! OVER HERE!





TOM - WHAT ARE YOU DRAGGING YOUR CHUTE AROUND FOR?

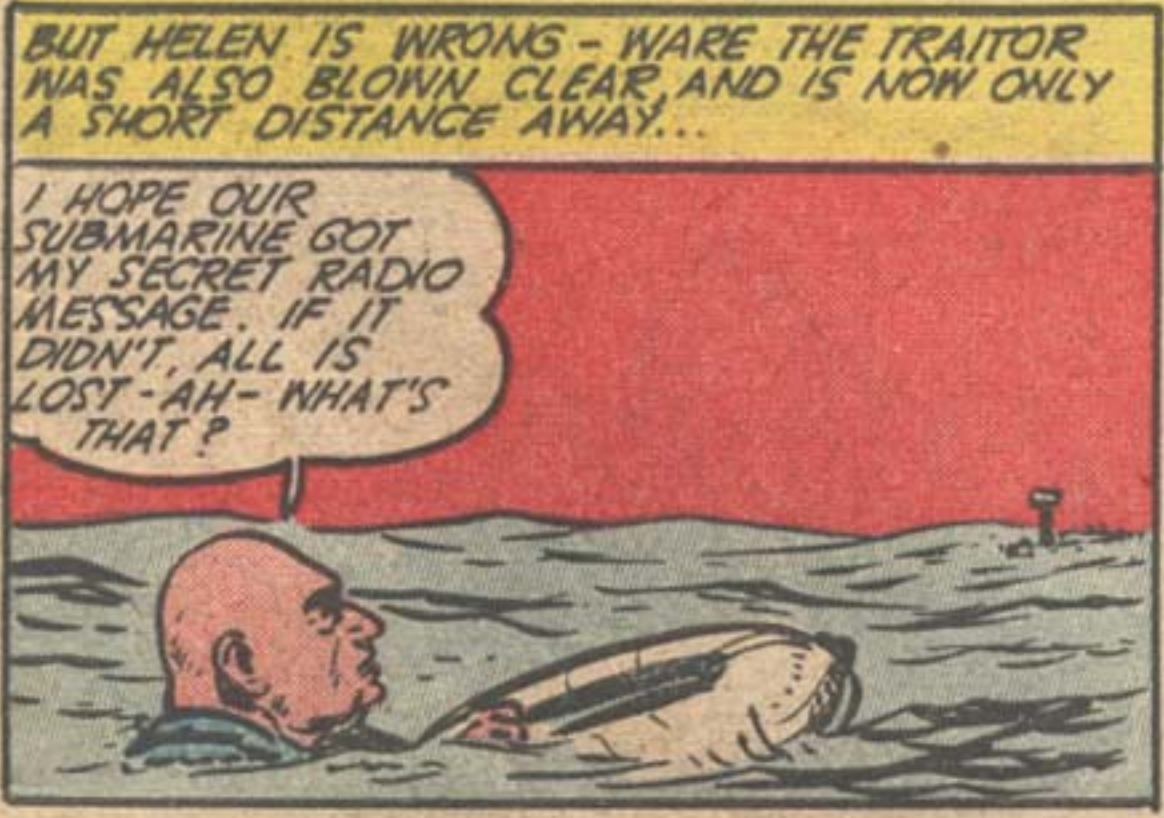
IF WE SPREAD IT OUT IT WILL MAKE A GOOD DISTRESS SIGNAL - AND WE ARE IN DISTRESS NOW OR MY NAME'S NOT TOM SHANE - LEND A HAND!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

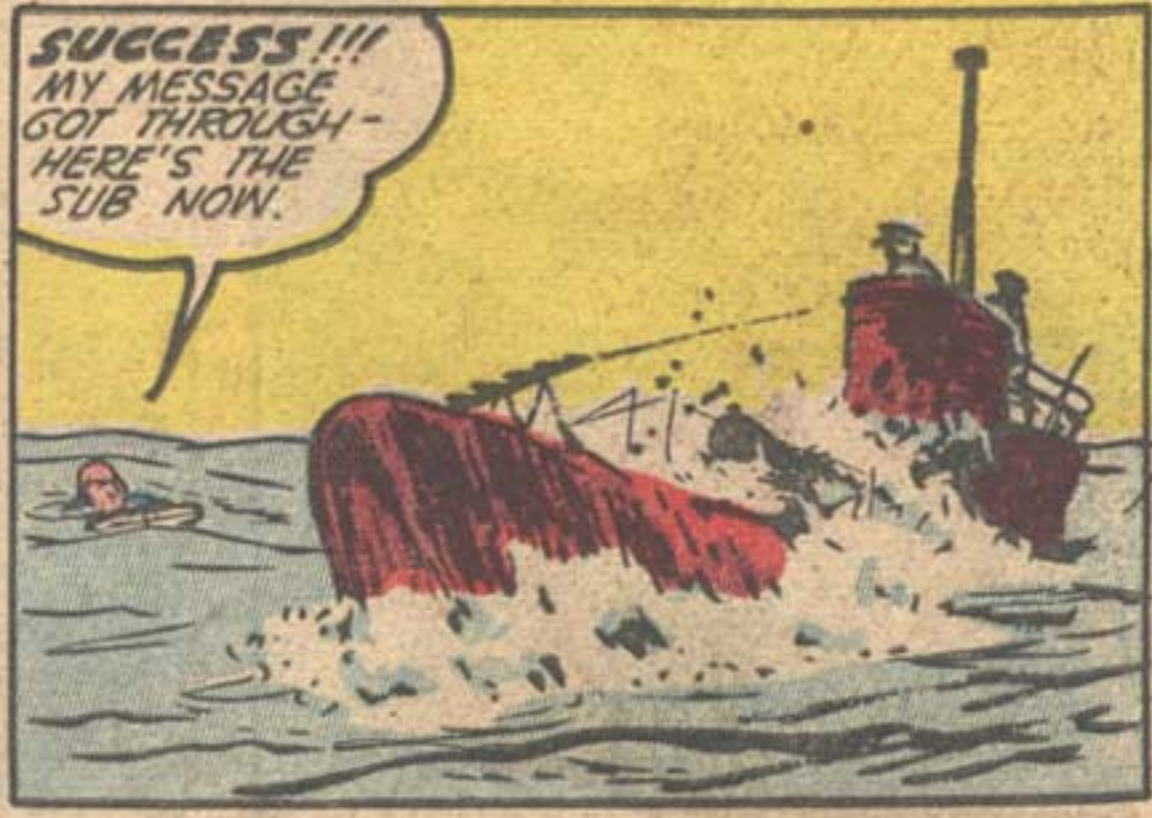
THERE, THAT DOES IT - NOW WE CAN ONLY WAIT AND HOPE - SAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO WARE AND HIS CREW?

THEY MUST HAVE GONE DOWN WITH THE SHIP -



BUT HELEN IS WRONG - WARE THE TRAITOR WAS ALSO BLOWN CLEAR, AND IS NOW ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

I HOPE OUR SUBMARINE GOT MY SECRET RADIO MESSAGE. IF IT DIDN'T, ALL IS LOST - AH - WHAT'S THAT?



SUCCESS!!! MY MESSAGE GOT THROUGH - HERE'S THE SUB NOW.



AH CAPTAIN - I WAS AFRAID YOU WEREN'T COMING!

WE WERE DELAYED DODGING ENEMY CRAFT!



HERR CAPTAIN - SOMETHING WHITE IS FLOATING OVER THERE.

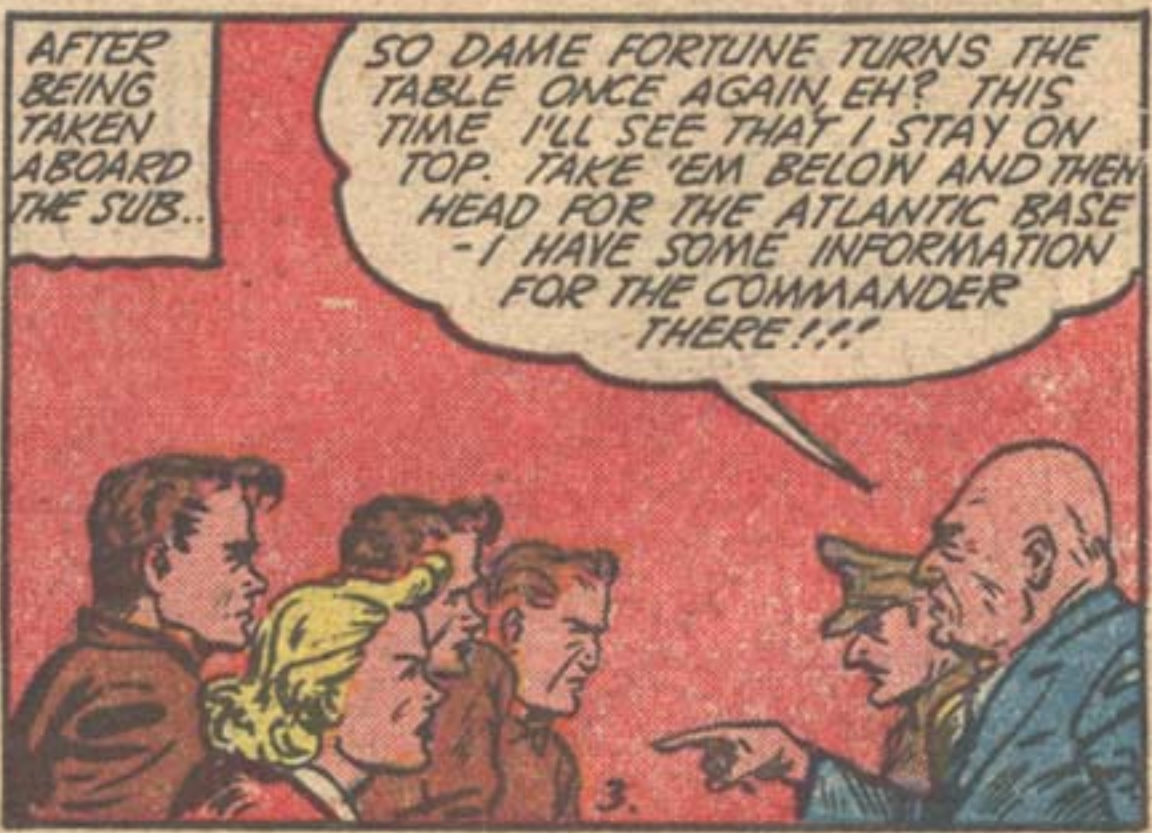
WE'LL INVESTIGATE!



OH, OH - A NAZI U-BOAT! WE HAVE THE WORST LUCK!

HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE WARE ON ITS DECK!

HO, HO! IT'S MY FRIENDS THE DEVIL'S TWINS - PULL 'EM ABOARD!



AFTER BEING TAKEN ABOARD THE SUB...

SO DAME FORTUNE TURNS THE TABLE ONCE AGAIN, EH? THIS TIME I'LL SEE THAT I STAY ON TOP. TAKE 'EM BELOW AND THEN HEAD FOR THE ATLANTIC BASE - I HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR THE COMMANDER THERE!!!



BECAUSE THE SUB IS NOT EQUIPPED WITH A CELL - THE FOUR FRIENDS ARE CROWDED INTO A STORE ROOM -

WATCH THEM CLOSELY - THERE IS NO LOCK ON THAT DOOR!

JA-VE WATCH!



TIM! I KNOW WHY WARE IS HEADING FOR THE ATLANTIC BASE. A LARGE CONVOY IS COMING IN FROM CANADA. IT'S WELL PROTECTED BUT IF THE NAZIS KNOW ITS EXACT ROUTE, IT COULD BE DESTROYED! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM FROM REPORTING THAT INFORMATION!



WE'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE IN A HUNDRED OF TAKING OVER THIS SUB - BUT WE'LL HAVE TO TRY - - - C'MON, LET'S GO! HELEN, YOU OPEN THE DOOR AND THEN STAND BACK!



ACH!

DONNER VETTER! HELP!



SUB MACHINE GUNS - WE'LL NEED 'EM!

LOOKOUT, TIM! HERE THEY COME!



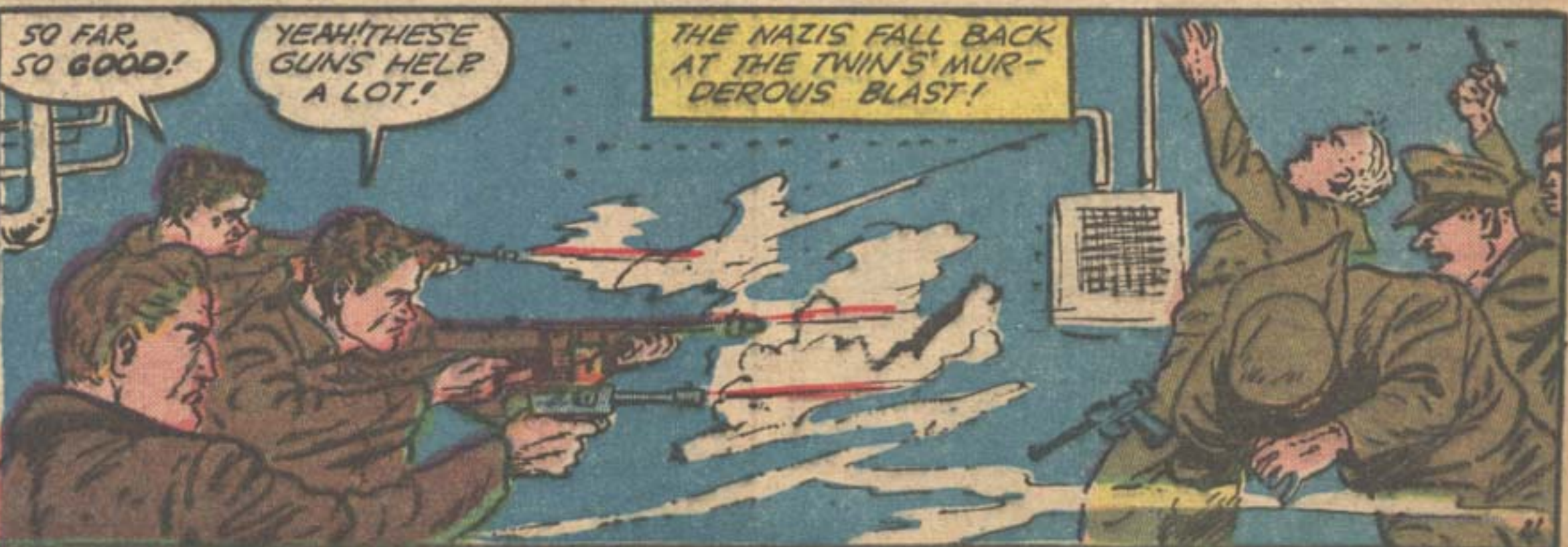
GET THAT OTHER GUN, QUICK!

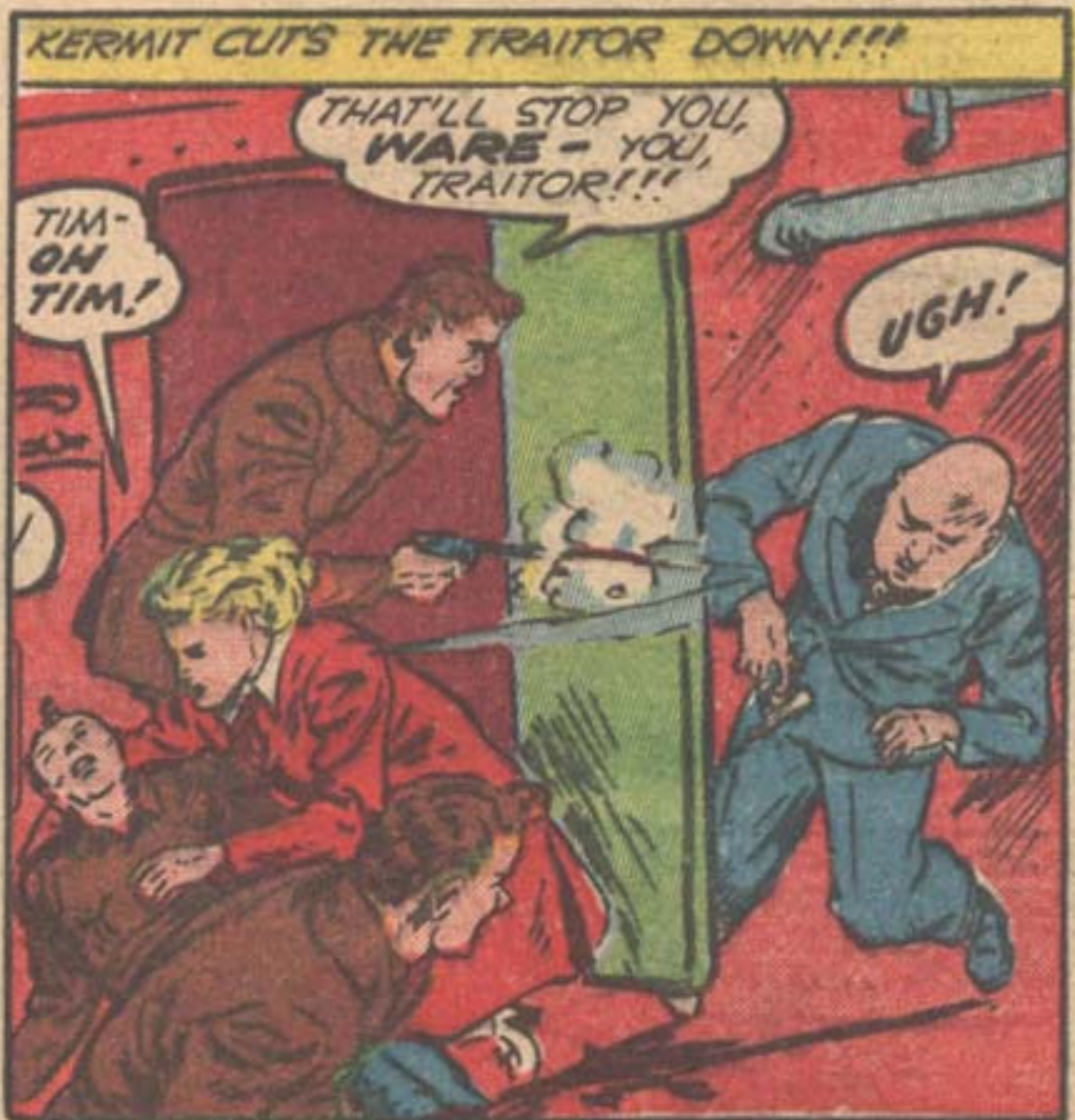
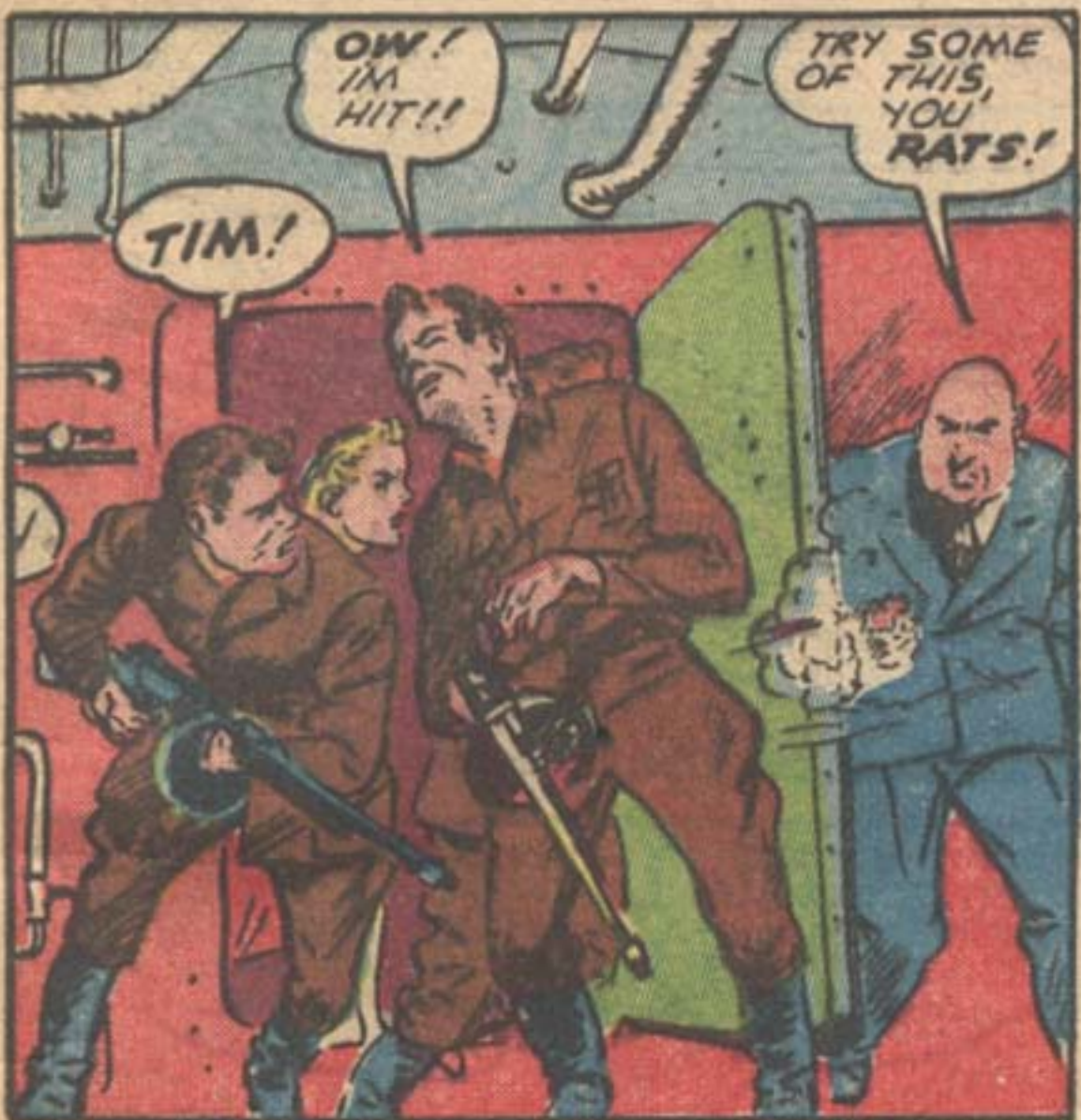


SO FAR, SO GOOD!

YEAH! THESE GUNS HELP A LOT!

THE NAZIS FALL BACK AT THE TWINS' MURDEROUS BLAST!







I RADIOED OUR BASE BEFORE WE SUBMERGED AND RIGHT NOW OUR ROCKET BATTLESHIP IS CLOSING IN FOR A KILL. AND YOU CAN'T STOP IT!

WE CAN TRY!

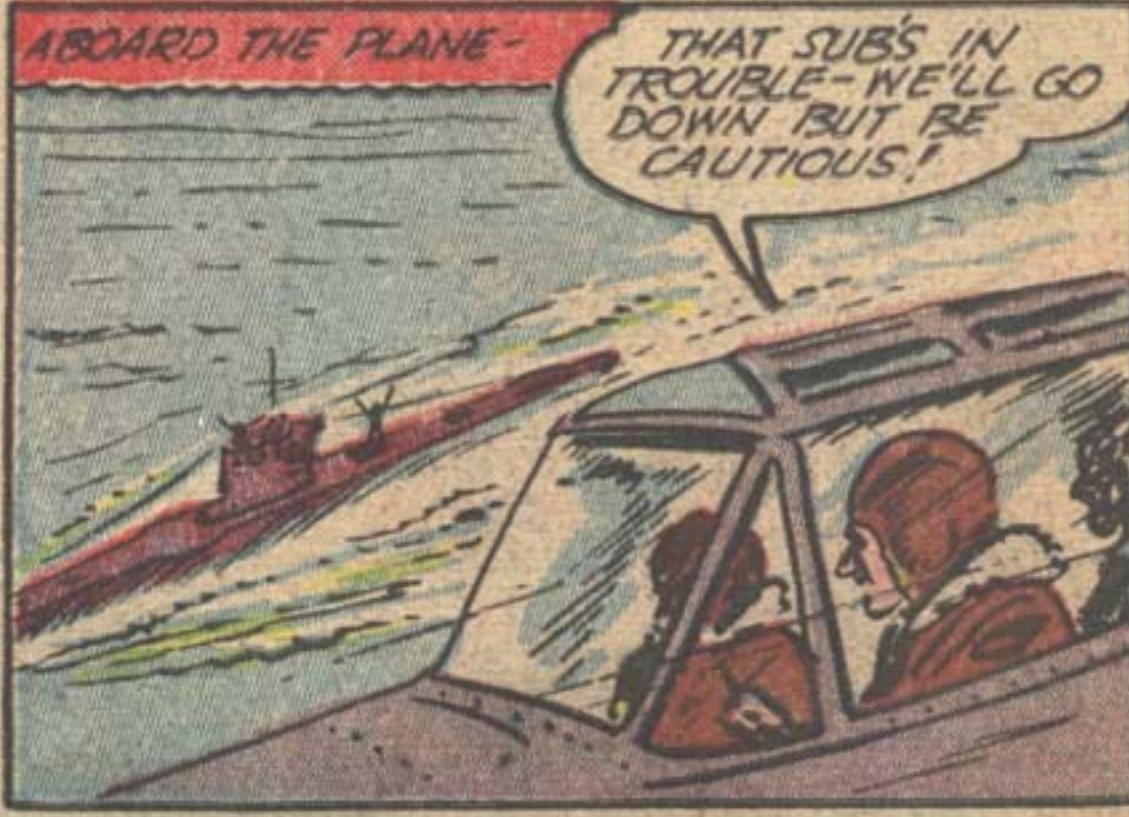


BUT MY DEAR BOY, IT'S 2500 MILES OUT! YOUR PLANES CAN'T FLY THAT FAR. BESIDES, YOU SMASHED THE RADIO WHEN YOU SHOT ME BEFORE!



WARE IS RIGHT, TOM! WE CAN'T STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CONVOY! LOOK - A PATROL PLANE!

START SIGNALING! WE MUST MAKE IT LAND!



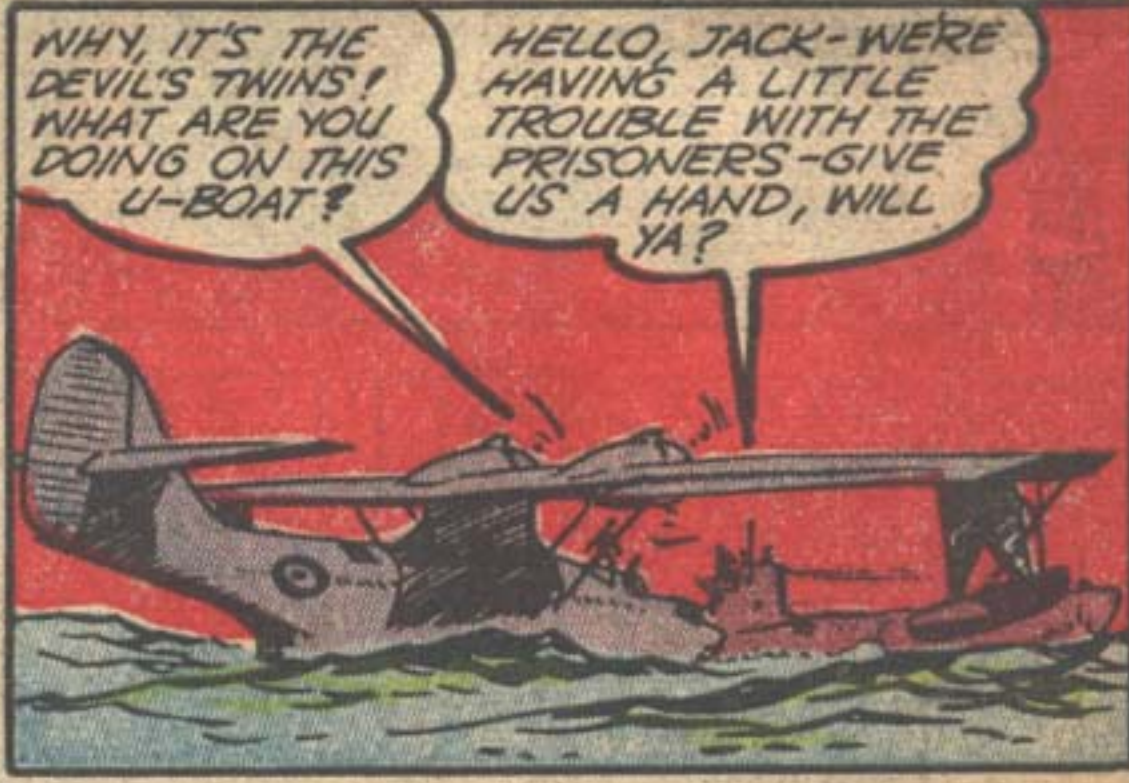
ABOARD THE PLANE -

THAT SUB'S IN TROUBLE - WE'LL GO DOWN BUT BE CAUTIOUS!



THEY'RE LANDING! SAY, THAT BIG BOAT GIVES ME AN IDEA. LISTEN -

OKAY! BUT IF WE FAIL, IT'LL MEAN THE FIRING SQUAD FOR US!



WHY, IT'S THE DEVIL'S TWINS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THIS U-BOAT?

HELLO, JACK - WE'RE HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE PRISONERS - GIVE US A HAND, WILL YA?



I SEE YOU HAVE A FULL LOAD OF BOMBS. HAVE YOU JUST STARTED THIS PATROL?

YES - ONLY BEEN UP ABOUT HALF AN HOUR!



GOOD - THEN TELL THE REST OF YOUR CREW TO COME ABOARD!!!

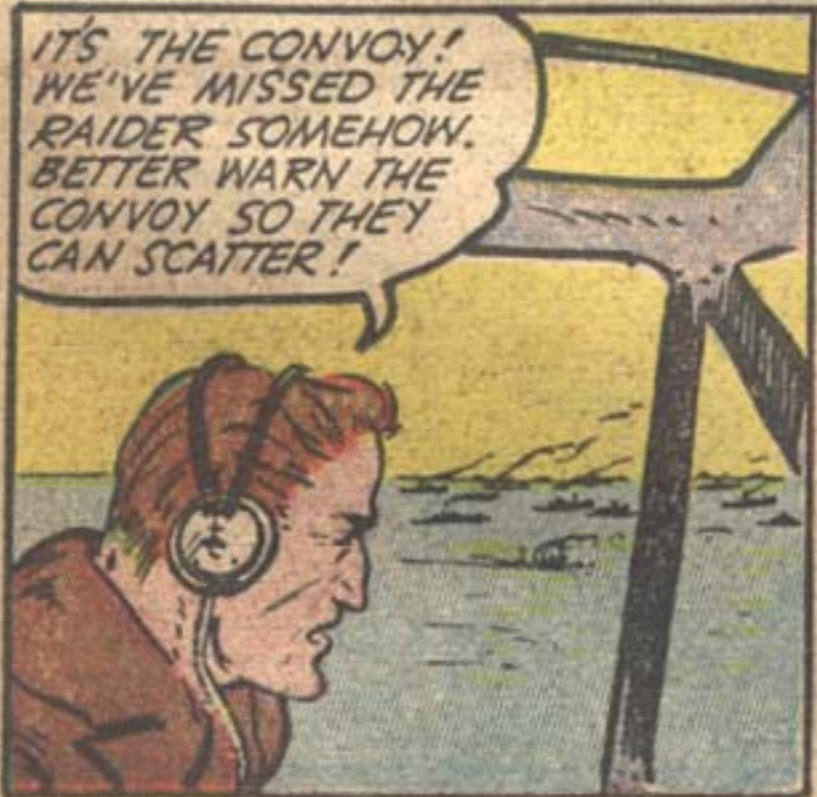
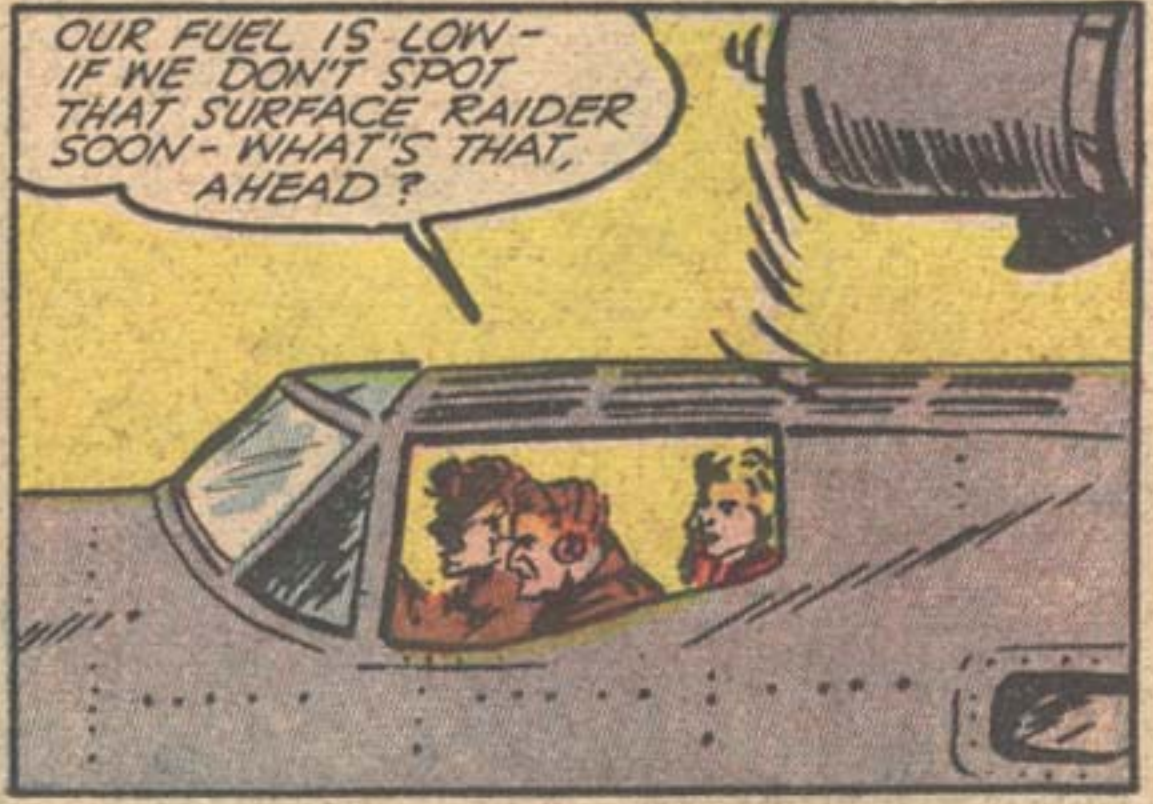
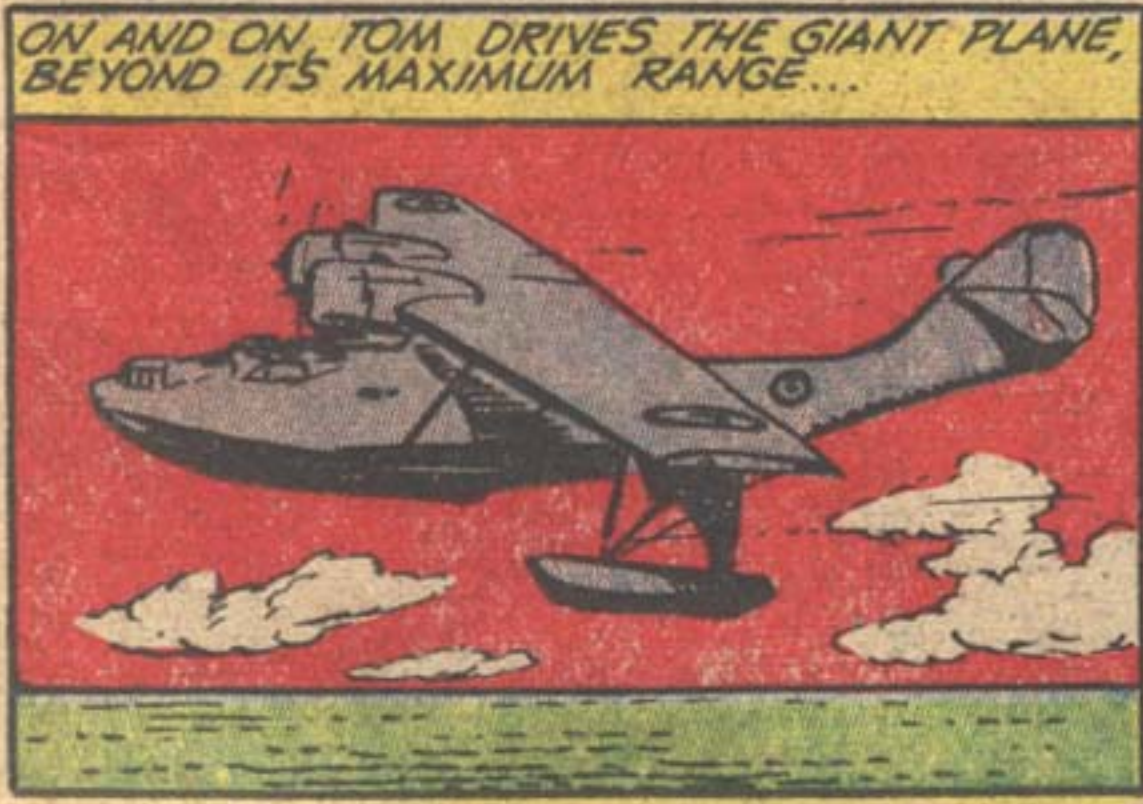
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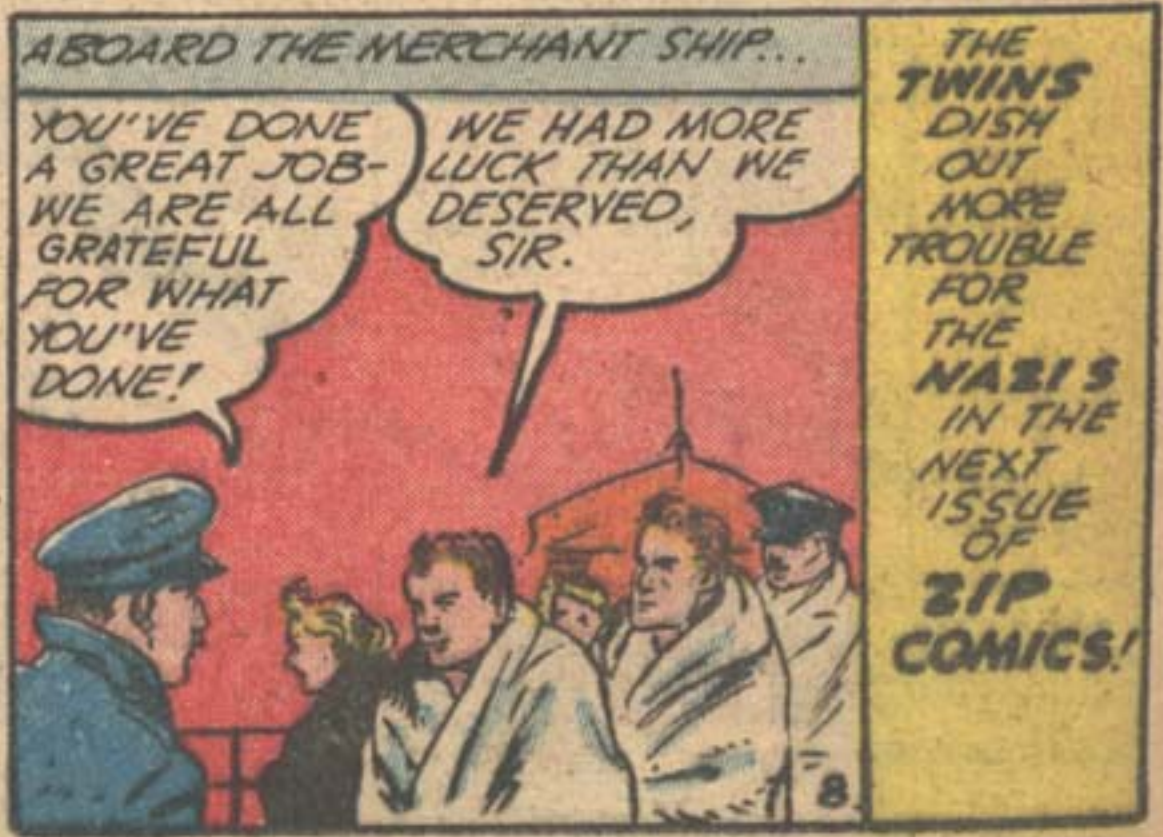
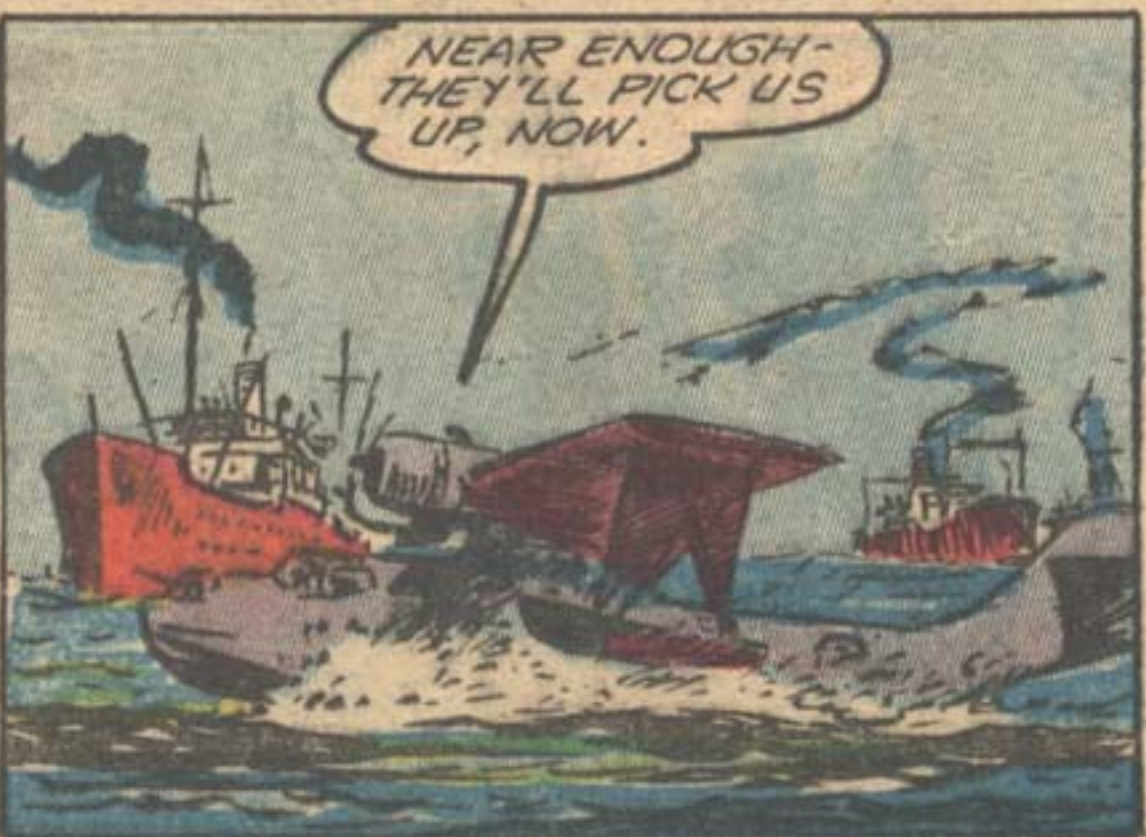
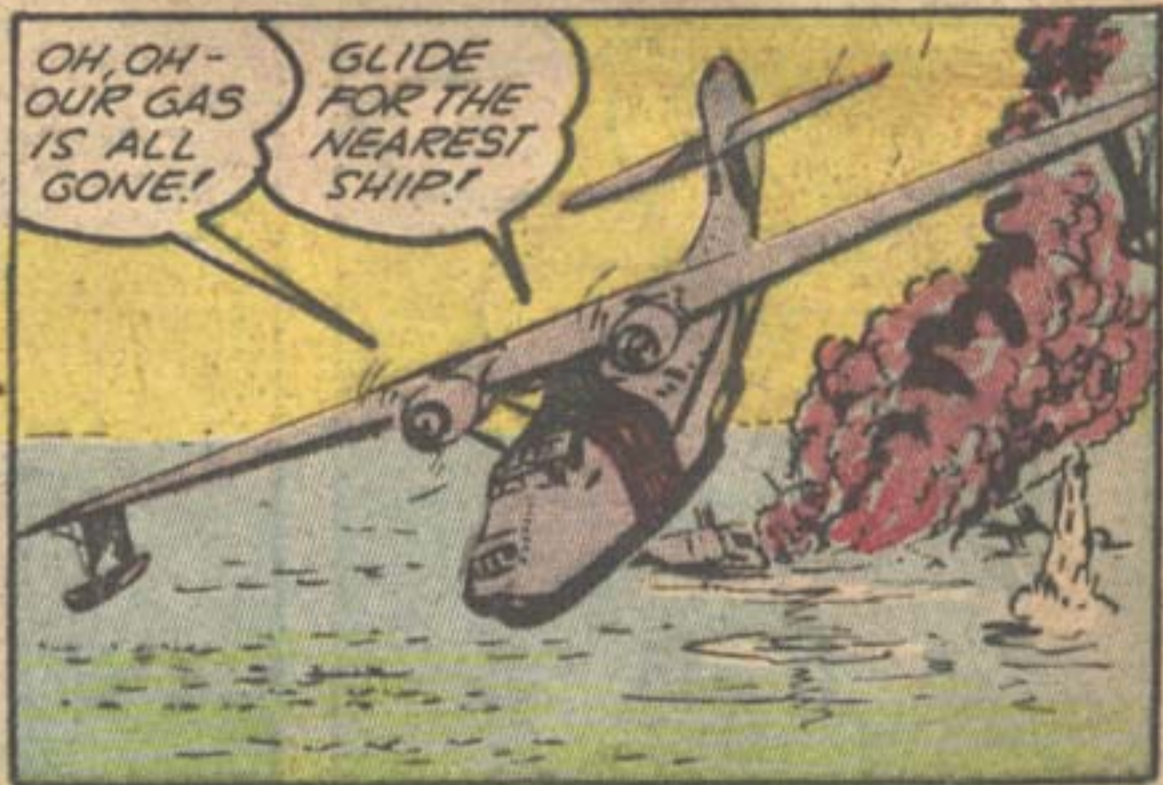
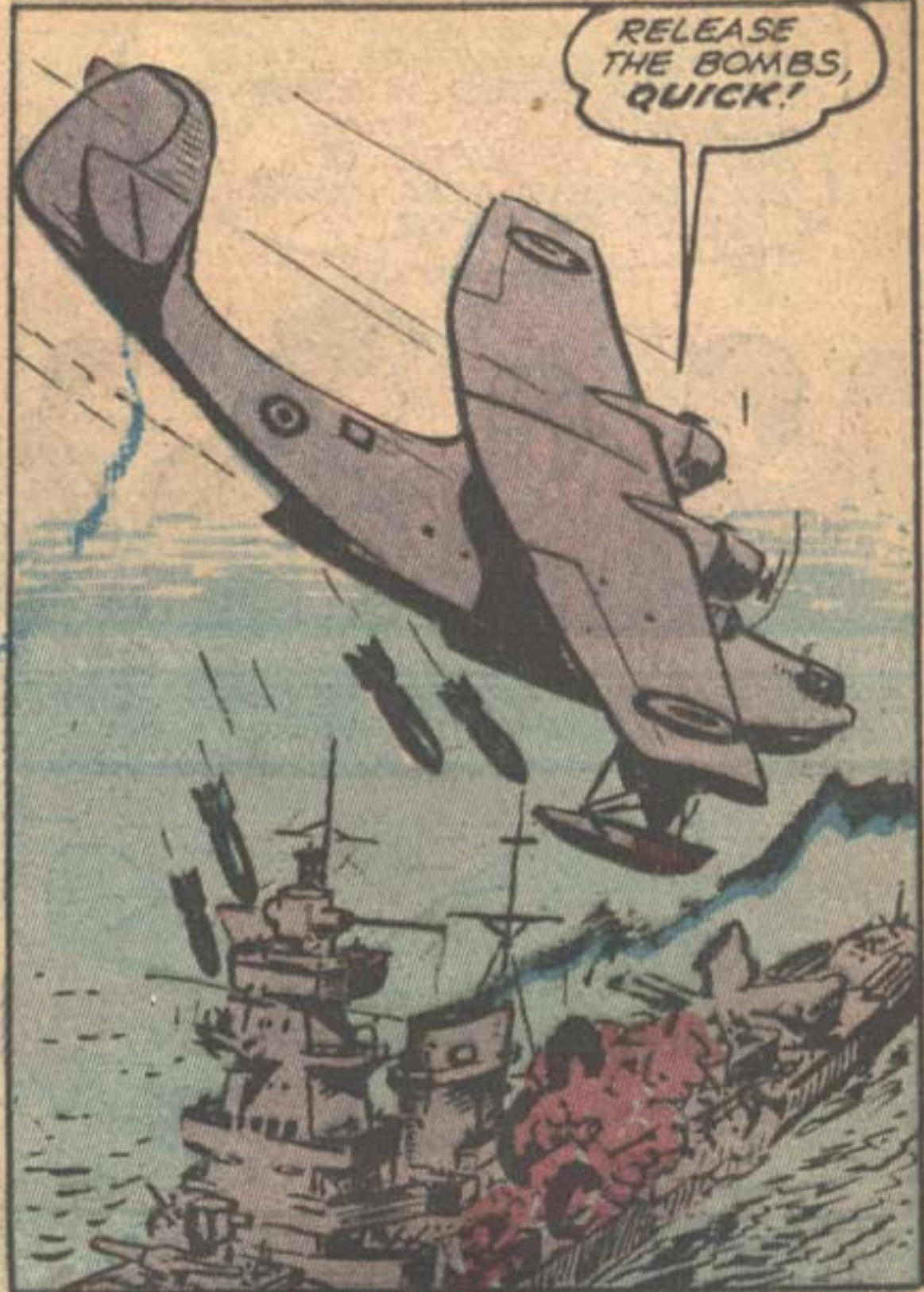
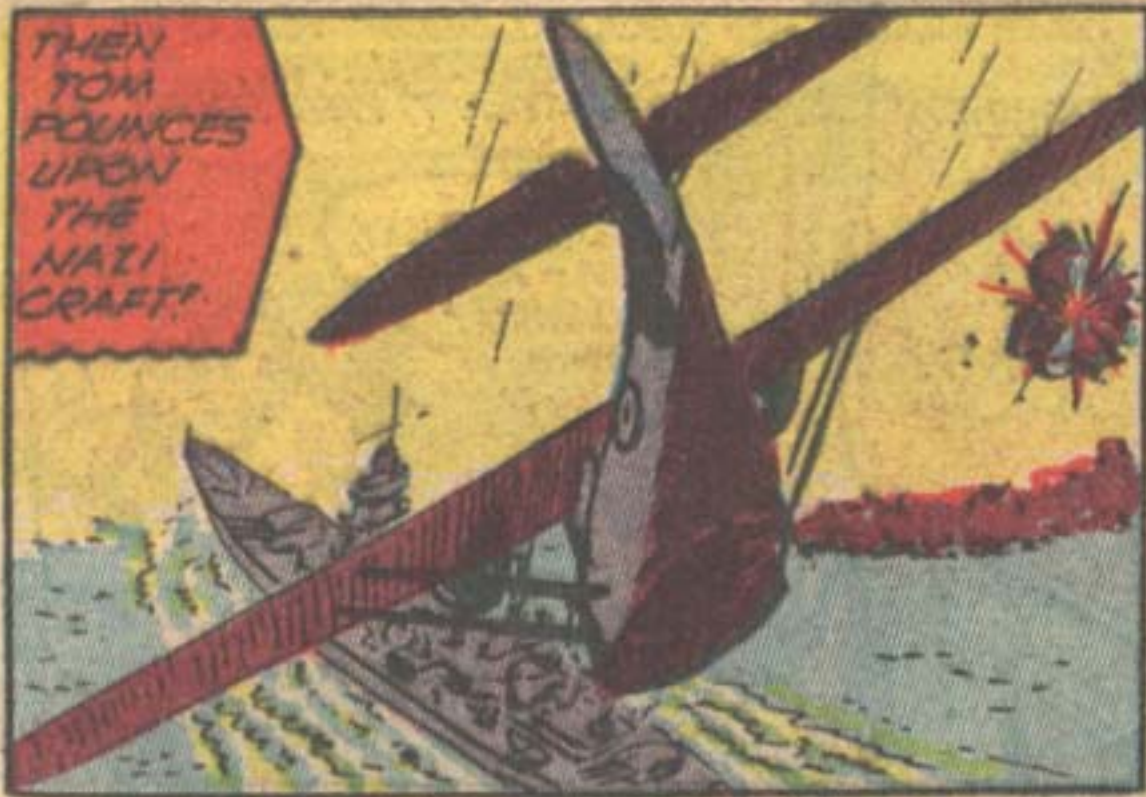


HEY! WE'LL NEED YOU FELLOWS, TOO!

HURRY UP!

AYE, AYE, SIR!





THE TWINS DISH OUT MORE TROUBLE FOR THE NAZIS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS!

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# CAPTAIN VALOR

# VALOR

CAPTAIN VALOR AND RONNIE WITH A GROUP OF AMAZING FRIENDS - INCLUDING TANIA DALLAS, ZEKE PEPPER AND HIS TROUPE OF STRANDED WRESTLERS - HI-JACKED AN ENTIRE JAPANESE ARMORED DIVISION AND DROVE OFF WITH THE MACHINES... THE INVADER SOLDIERS, LEFT ALONE IN THE DESERT, ARE NOW BEING RESCUED BY ANOTHER JAPANESE DIVISION COMING UP FROM THE REAR...



PLEASE TO EXPLAIN!  
WHY ARE YOU AFOOT?  
WHERE ARE YOUR GUNS -  
YOUR TANKS - YOUR  
CARS?



WHITE DEVILS WITH  
THE BRAINS OF FOXES  
CLEARLY OUTWITTED US  
AND DROVE OFF  
TOWARDS THE EAST!



AHA! SO SORRY TO HEAR  
OF YOUR TACTICAL ERROR!  
BUT WE SHALL CIRCLE  
AROUND THEM AND LIE  
IN AMBUSH! THUS WE  
SHALL NIPE THEM OUT  
COMPLETE-  
LY!



MEANWHILE, ON A LEDGE OVER-LOOKING A PASS THROUGH WHICH THE HI-JACKED DIVISION IS MOVING



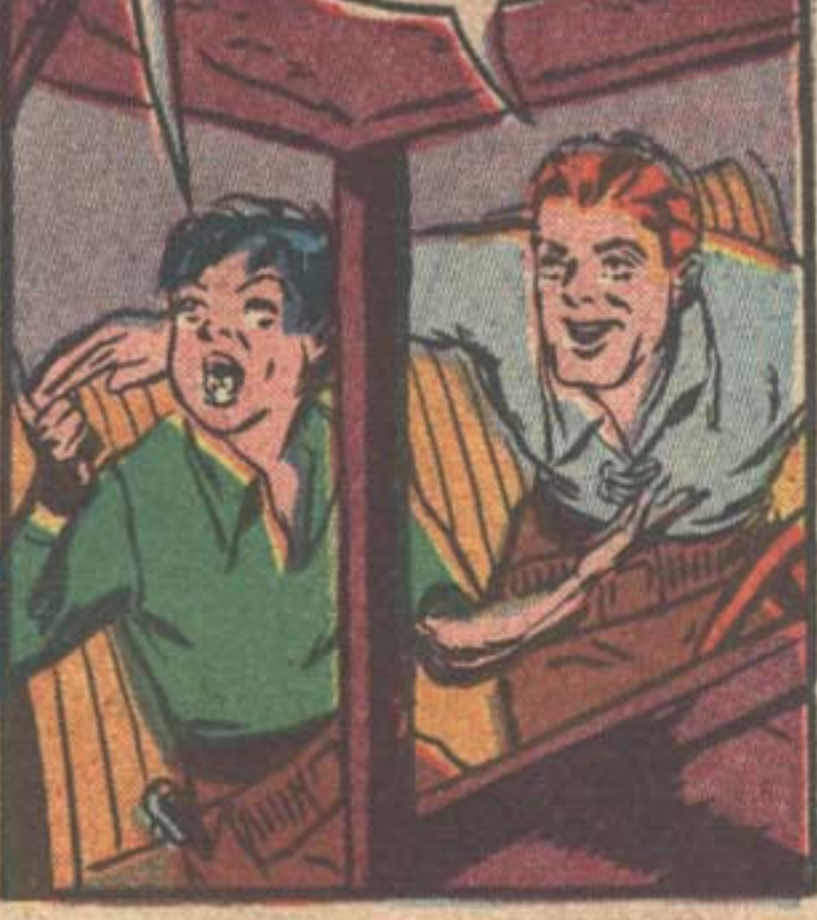
NO! DESE EES IT!

NALOO! IT'S ME-YOUR OLD FRIEN' NEEK-OLAUS! MAKE WIT' DE BRAKES!



HEY, CAP! LOOK!

NEEKOLAUS! COME ON DOWN!



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NEEKOLAUS! HOW'D HE GET HERE?

WHAT HAPPENED, RONNIE?

OH, HE'S BEEN TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH US AND HE FINALLY DID!



SO YOU FINALLY GOT AWAY FROM YOUR WIFE! WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE CAMP FOR THE NIGHT! THIS IS AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY!



PSST! ZEKE AN' TANIA! NEEKOLAUS HAVE BRIGHT IDEA TO TALK WIT' YOU ABOUT, TONIGHT!

WE'LL SEE YOU IN YOUR TENT, LATER!



THAT NIGHT DALLAS AND RONNIE  
SIT OUTSIDE A TENT



WHAT DID YOU  
WANT TO TALK  
TO ME ABOUT,  
DALLAS?

WELL, RONNIE -  
YOU'RE A NICE KID  
AND I LIKE YOU  
BUT - WELL, THERE  
IS SOMETHING I  
THINK I SHOULD  
SPEAK TO YOU  
ABOUT!



SCRAM,  
YOU TWO!  
YOU'RE KEEP-  
IN' ME AWAKE!



WE CAN GO OVER AND SIT IN  
THE TRUCK, RONNIE! WE  
WONT' BOTHER ANYONE  
THERE -

TH' BIG BUM! IF  
YOU WEREN'T  
AROUND I'D HAVE  
SMACKED HIM ONE!



WHAT'S THIS BRIGHT PLAN  
YOU WERE FORMULATING  
FRIEND? LET'S HAVE THE  
LOW DOWN!



OUTSIDE DE CAMP, NEEKOLAUS HAVE  
WAITING A BAND OF DESERT CHINAMENS!  
VIT DEM VE CAN TAKE FOR US TH' WHOLE  
DIVISION!

BUT WHAT  
ABOUT MY  
WRESTLERS?



PHOOEY ON DE WRESTLERS!  
VY SHOULD A SMART MEN  
LIKE YOU, ZEKE, VASTE  
YOUR TIME WIT' DOSE BUMS?  
VE SVIPE DE CARS AN'  
TRUCKS AN' CLEAN UP FOR  
US DE MONIES ALL OVER  
CHINA LIKE HASN'T BEEN  
DONE NEVER BEFORE  
YET!



COME! WIT'  
DE BLANKET  
I SIGNAL ON  
THE FIRE FOR  
MY MEN!



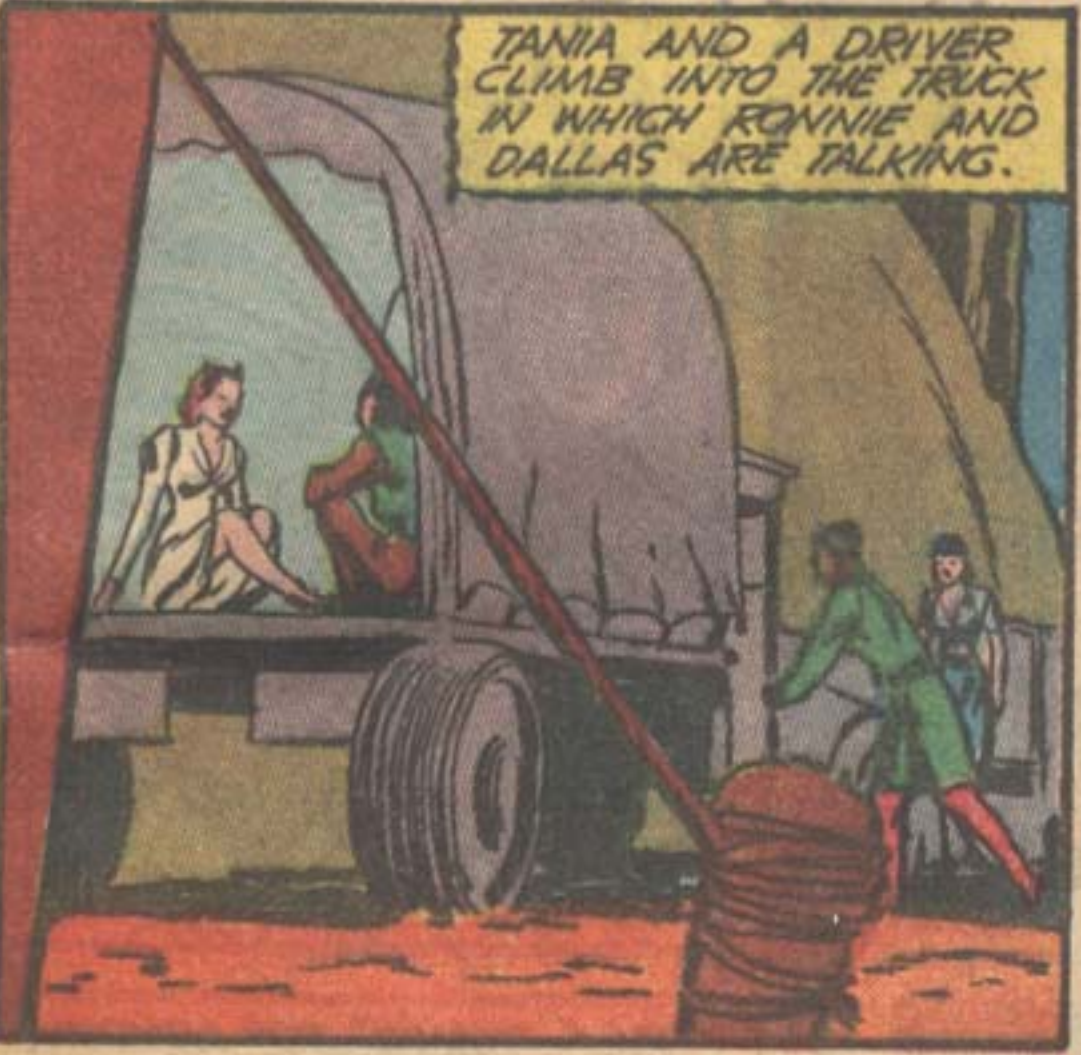
AS NIKOLAUS SENDS UP THE SMOKE SIGNALS...



THE CHINESE MANDS STEAL INTO THE CAMP!



HOKAY! NOW- QUIET LIKE MOOSE VE GET IN DE TRUCKS AN' CARS AN' DRIVE OFF! NO? YES! HURRY!



TANIA AND A DRIVER CLIMB INTO THE TRUCK IN WHICH RONNIE AND DALLAS ARE TALKING.



THERE IS THE STARTING SIGNAL! START THE TRUCK AND DRIVE OFF!



THIS IS RATHER SUDDEN, TO SAY THE LEAST! WHO IS DRIVING THIS TRUCK- AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

MAYBE ONE OF THE WRESTLERS THINKS HE'S BACK IN THE STATES AND WANTS TO RUN DOWN TO THE CORNER FOR A HAMBURGER!



WHAT'S **THAT!** SOUNDS LIKE MOTORS! I WONDER-



WOW! SOMEONE'S MAKING OFF WITH THE WHOLE DIVISION!

AND WHERE ARE RONNIE AND DALLAS? THEY WERE RIGHT OUT HERE A WHILE AGO!



HEY! EVERYBODY! COME ON! WE'RE BEING ROBBED!



YEAH, I SEEN RONNIE AND THAT DAME! SHE WAS GIVIN' HIM A BIG-SISTER TALK IN ONE OF THEM TRUCKS!



-WELL, DON'T JUST STAND HERE! BREAK CAMP! WE CAN'T STAND HERE IN THE DESERT FOREVER! WE'VE GOT TO GET MOVING AND FOLLOW THEM!



MEANWHILE...

HEY, TANIA! WHERE ARE WE GOING?



WELL! THANKS FOR ANNOUNCING YOUR PRESENCE! WE ARE GOING ON A TRIP, BUT YOU ARE GOING TO DIE!

AS DAWN BREAKS...

HOLD! I CATCH MOVEMENT ON TRAIL FAR AWAY!



THE JAPANESE SENTRY SEES THE APPROACH OF THE STOLEN DIVISION.



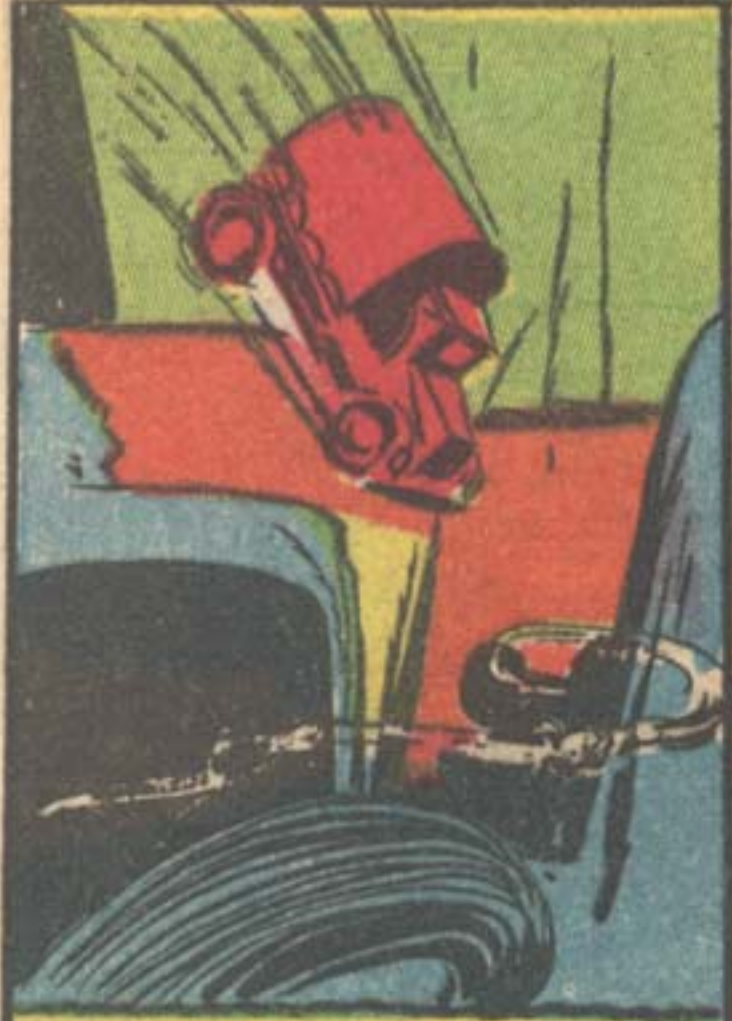
TO YOUR POSTS! THE ROAD IS MINED, SO WAIT FOR MY COMMAND TO BLOW IT UP!



MEANWHILE IN THE TRUCK...

PLUG ME IF YOU WANT TO, TANIA! BUT DON'T KILL DALLAS! G-GOSH! SHE NEVER DID ANYTHING TO YOU!





THE ENTIRE DIVISION IS HURTTLED INTO A MAN-MADE RAVINE!



DALLAS - THANK HEAVEN YOU WEREN'T KILLED!!!

I'M ALL RIGHT, RONNIE - I HOPE!



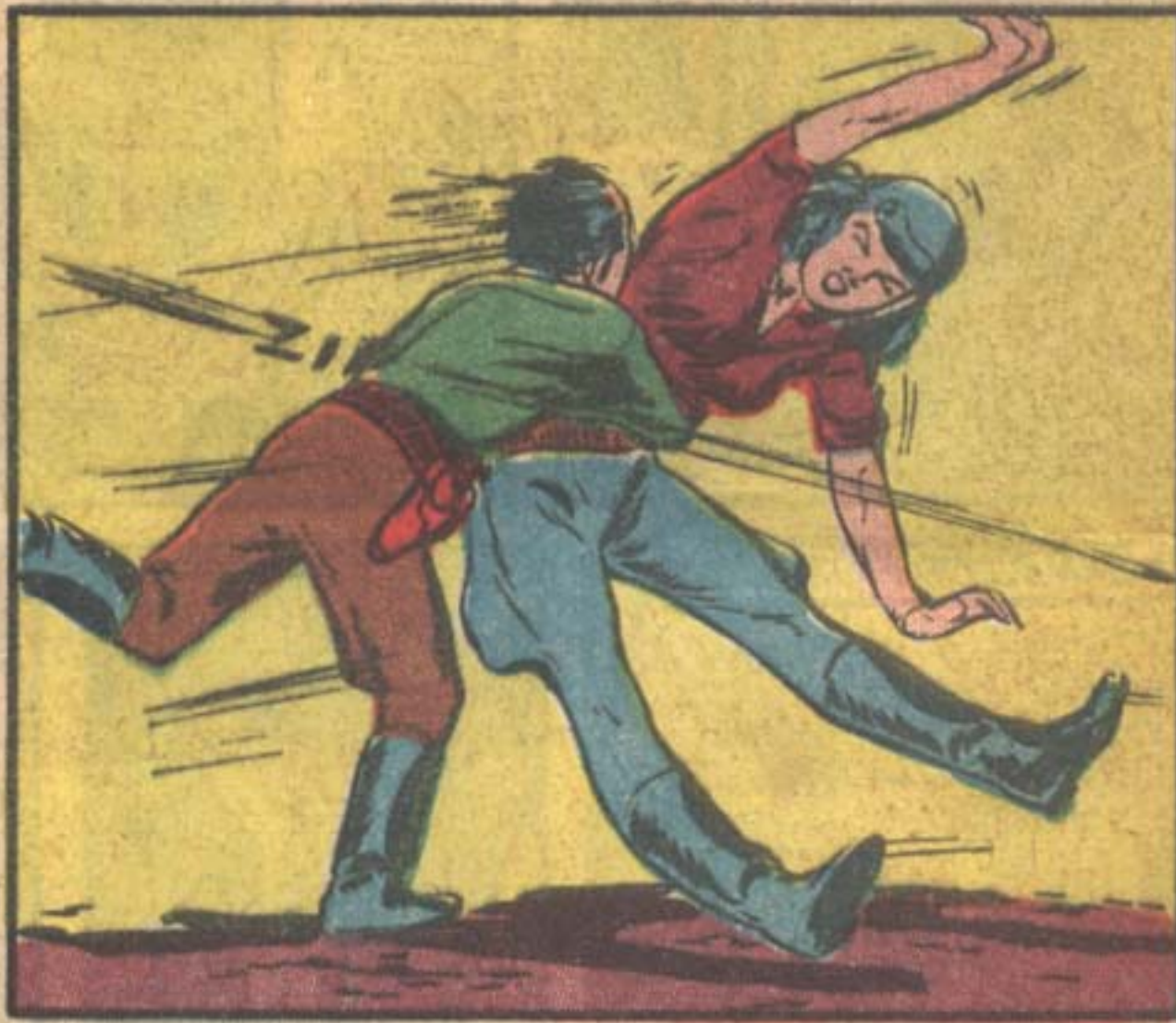
WHILE ATOP A HILL OVERLOOKING THE SCENE, A JAPANESE SNIPER LIFTS HIS RIFLE!

AH! THE WHITE PIGS WHO STOLE OUR CARS! NOW TO DRAW A BEAD ON THE TIGRESS OF A WHITE WOMAN! I SHALL BE PROMOTED FOR REMOVING HER FROM THIS EARTH!



THAT SOLDIER IS AIMING AT US!

TANIA!



YOU OUGHT TO BE MORE CAREFUL!!

YOU SAVED MY LIFE, YOUNG RONNIE! AND TO THINK I ALMOST SHOT YOU MYSELF, AWHILE AGO!

I GUESS IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE! LOOK WHO'S COMING!



RONNIE AND THE GIRLS ARE TAKEN PRISONERS.

UNQUESTIONABLY, YOU MUST HAVE HAD KNOWLEDGE THAT STEALING DIVISION IS ACT OF TREACHERY—PUNISHABLE ONLY BY DEATH? SO SORRY!



LINE WHITE PEOPLE UP AGAINST WALL AND SHOOT THEM!



WOULD PERHAPS LIKE FINAL CIGARETTE? CAN DO!

DON'T BOTHER!

I DON'T SMOKE—BUT I'D LIKE A CHOCOLATE BAR IF YOU HAVE IT!



IMPUDENCE OF YOUNG ONE SHALL NOW BE PUNISHED! READY... AIM...



CAPTAIN VALOR IS TOO FAR AWAY TO SAVE THE DOOMED TRIO! HAS DEATH FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH RONNIE, TANIA AND DALLAS? THE JAPANESE COMMANDER SAYS 'FIRE!' IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS!

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Come on, Kids—win this New Gas Model Airplane by sending us the best name for it. Oh, Boy! Here's your chance to try your skill at naming this speedy little number which has a specially built motor. The very first name you think of may be just the one to win this Airplane for you. So send a name right away.

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# The Scarlet Avenger



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 BREAKFAST 25¢  
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WALTER MILLER, PROMINENT RADIO STAR LUNCHEES ON THE TERRACE OF HIS CLUB - AND DEATH STRIKES IN A FANTASTIC WAY!

HUBBELL



G... GREAT HEAVENS! ... MURDER! ... POLICE POLICE!!!



SUFFERING CAT-FISH! HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?

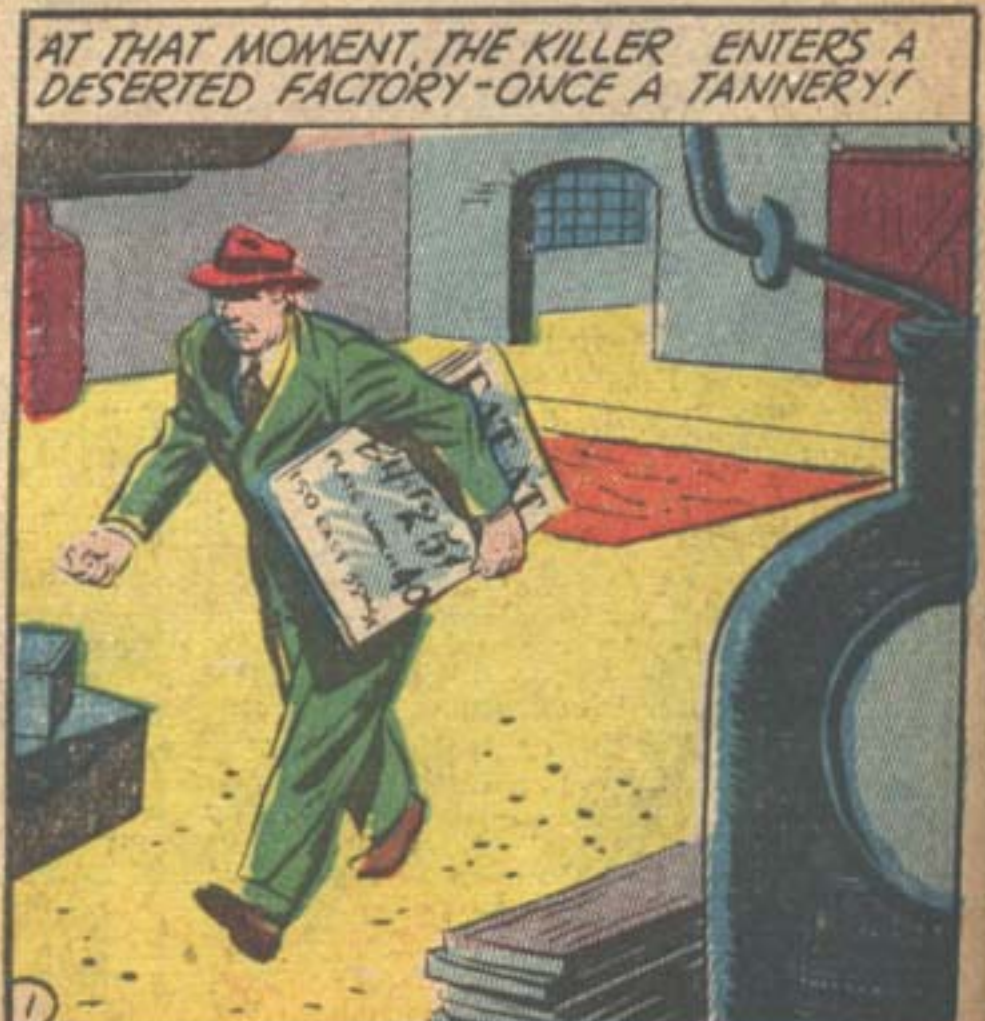
I... I... JUST FOUND MR. MILLER THIS WAY WHEN I ENTERED!



HEY PAT! LOOKA THIS!... WHADDA YA MAKE OF IT?

A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY!... I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT!

PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE CO.  
 POLICY HOLDER - WALTER MILLER  
**LETTERED!**  
 PREMIUMS TO BE PAID ONCE MONTHLY.  
 LAST PREMIUM PAID - NONE  
 COMPANY DEMANDS PROMPTNESS IN PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS.



AT THAT MOMENT, THE KILLER ENTERS A DESERTED FACTORY - ONCE A TANNERY!



HOW'D YA MAKE OUT, LEFTY?

OKAY, CHIEF! MILLER'S COLD MEAT!

THROUGH A REAR DOOR AND DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS!



THE NEXT ONE WHO GETS ONE OF OUR LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES WON'T SQUAWK ABOUT PAYIN' THEIR PREMIUMS, AFTER THIS, HUH, CHIEF?



THERE'S ONE MORE WHO NEEDS A LESSON - MARY LA RUE, THE ACTRESS! I GAVE HER A LAST CHANCE TO COME ACROSS! NOW SHE GETS HER LIFE INSURANCE CANCELLED TOO!



THAT NIGHT - IN THE THEATRE WHERE THE STAGE ACTRESS IS PERFORMING! THE CURTAIN IS ABOUT TO FALL AS MARY LA RUE SPEAKS HER LAST LINES!!!

CLAP!

CLAP CLAP!

BRAVO!



JIM KENDALL, THE SCARLET AVENGER, AND HIS BEAUTIFUL OPERATIVE INEZ COURTNEY, ARE AMONG THE SPECTATORS!

THAT FRIEND OF YOURS IS A GREAT ACTRESS, INEZ!



I'D LIKE VERY MUCH TO MEET HER.

LET'S GO TO HER DRESSING ROOM! I'LL INTRODUCE YOU!

DRESSING ROOMS



IN LA RUE'S DRESSING ROOM...

THOSE CHEAP HOODLUMS! TRYING TO SCARE ME INTO PAYING THEM PROTECTION MONEY! ... I'LL NEVER DO IT!



I'LL GO TO THE POLICE AS SOON AS I GET MY MAKE-UP OFF.







INEZ, DISGUISED AS MARY LA RUE, IS UNAWARE OF THE CAR HURLING AT HER, AS SHE CROSSES THE STREET!



NOT A SPLIT SECOND TOO SOON, THE SCARLET AVENGER INTERVENES!

OH!



SORRY TO BE SO BRUSQUE, BUD!... BUT I HAVE TO BORROW YOUR CAB!

HEY! WHAT!



AND OFF SPEEDS THE SCARLET AVENGER IN PURSUIT OF THE KILLERS' CAR!



THE KILLERS RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS! IT'S THE SCARLET AVENGER, CHIEF! HE'S HORNED IN! HE STARTED TO CHASE US, AND...

WHAT! YOU SAP! AND YOU CAME HERE.



THEY WENT THROUGH THIS DOOR!



WELL, WELL! LOOKS LIKE I BROKE INTO A RAT'S NEST!



I'VE GOT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, TOO! SO I'LL DO SOME GIVING MYSELF

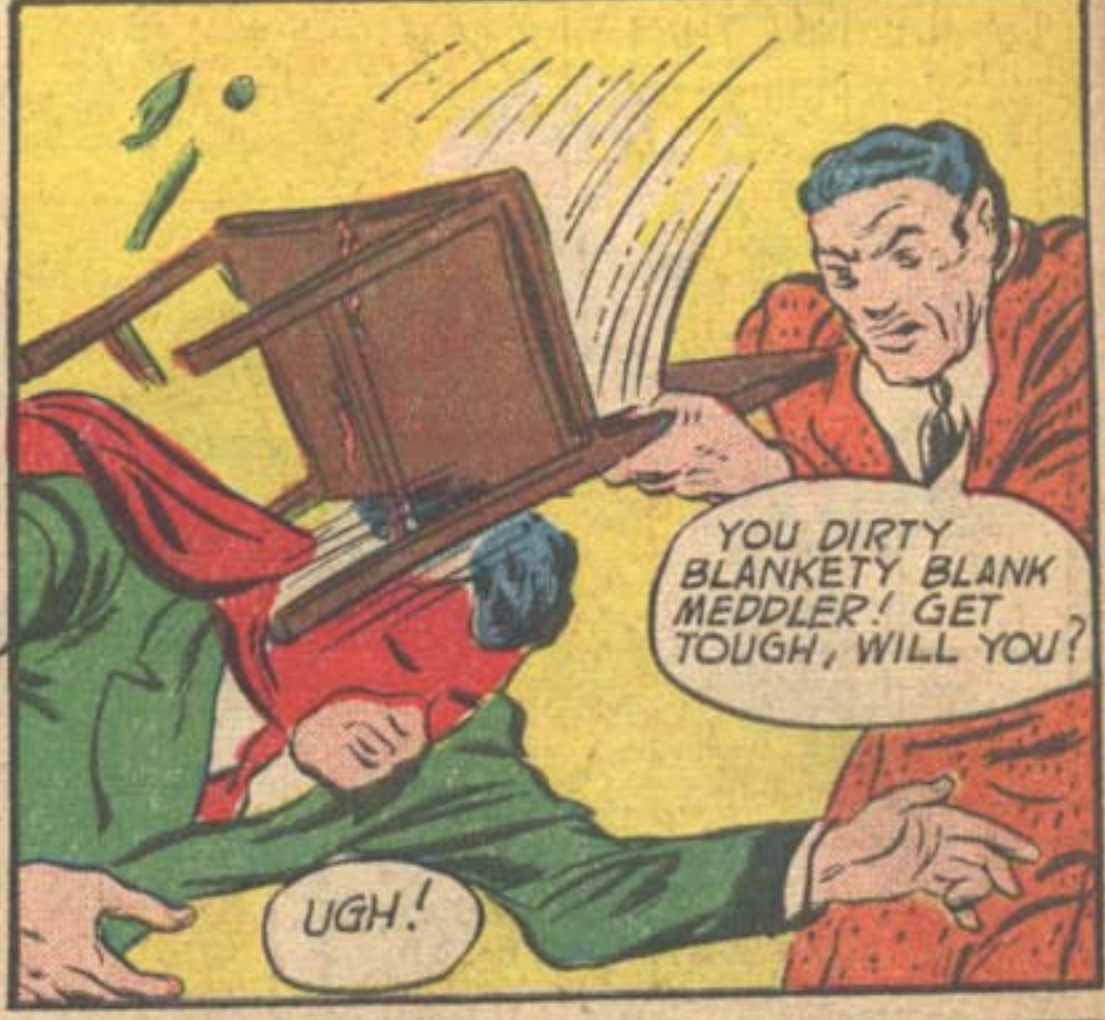


AND I'M GOING RIGHT AFTER!



IT'S HIM! THE AVENGER! GIVE IT TO HIM!

DON'T CROWD, BOYS! ... THERE'S ENOUGH FOR ALL OF YOU!



LUG HIM UPSTAIRS AND TOSS HIM INTO THE ACID PIT! WE'LL GET RID OF HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!



OKAY! HEAVE!

S'LONG, WISE GUY!



DROP HIM, BOYS! ... OR I'LL DROP YOU!



A DAME! SHOOT HER!

LADIES FIRST ... AND YOU DON'T GET TWO CHANCES!



THE SCARLET AVENGER REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS, AND —

HEY, BOYS! I FEEL NEGLECTED!





YOU WON'T CATCH ME "NAPPING", THIS TIME!



THINGS ARE GETTIN' TOO HOT! I'M BLOWIN'!



INEZ! THE RINGLEADER! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!



NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE!

Oooo!



INTO THE ACID PIT TUMBLES THE RING-LEADER TO MEET A HORRIBLE FATE!



HMM! THAT INSURANCE POLICY! IT FELL FROM HIS POCKET!



THE EMBLEM OF THE SCARLET AVENGER WRITES CANCELLED TO THE POLICY OF THE CRIME CHIEF!



YOU DIDN'T COME A SECOND TOO SOON, INEZ!

I ALMOST LOST THAT TALCUM POWDER TRAIL YOU LEFT FOR ME, AVENGER!... OR I'D HAVE COME SOONER!



NEXT DAY!

HELLO, INEZ! ANYTHING NEW?

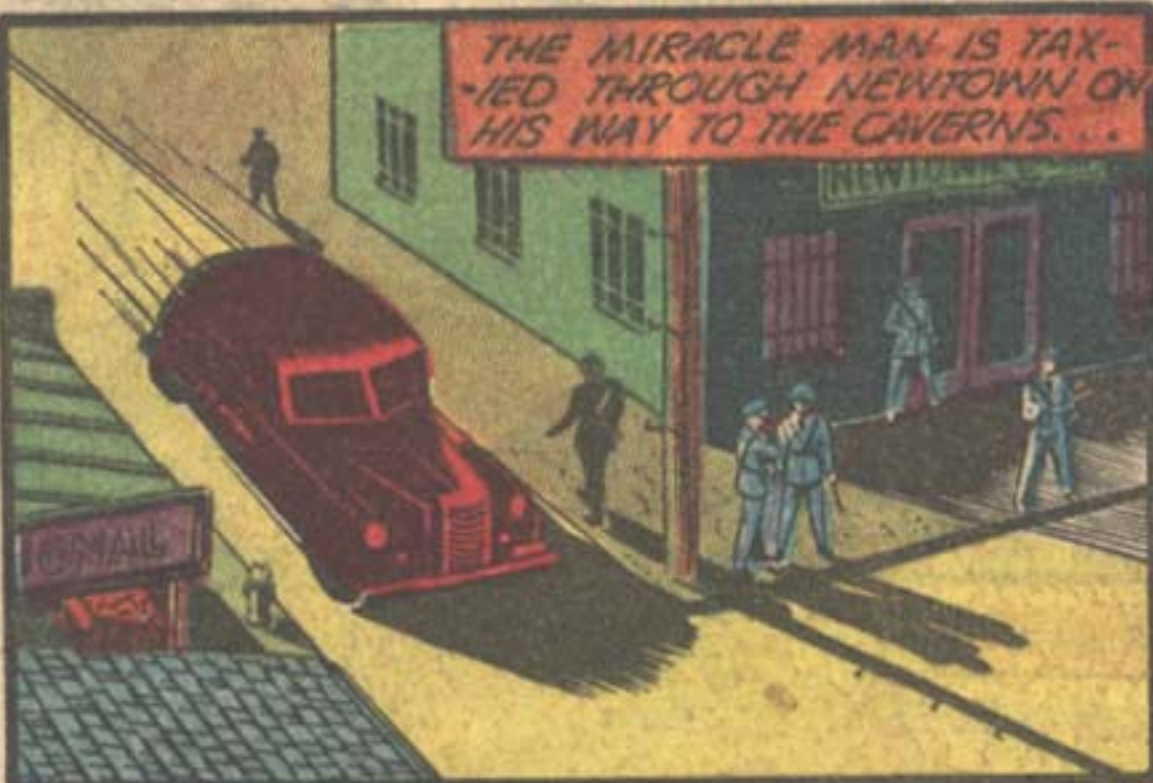
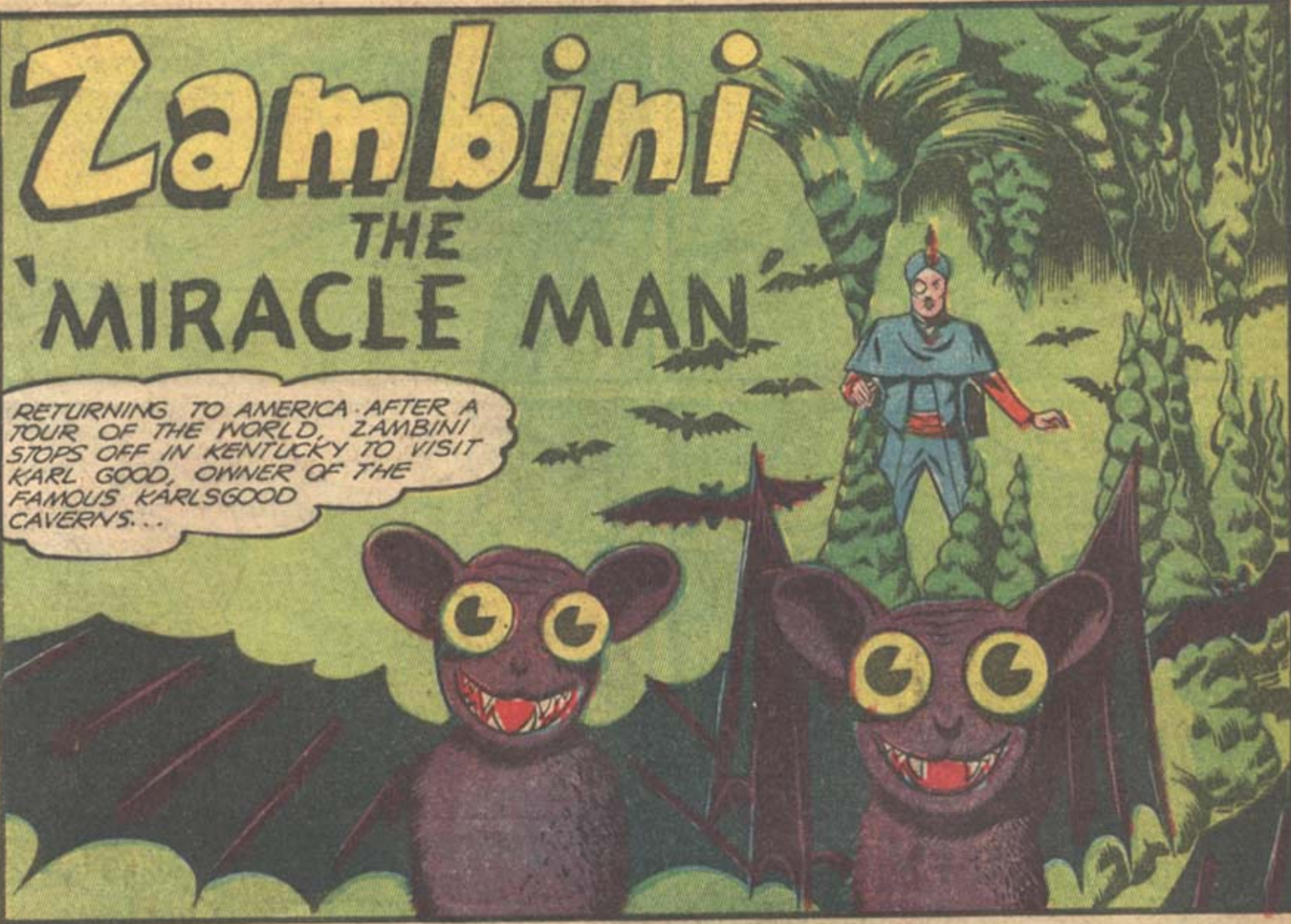
NO, JIM!... JUST A PIECE IN THE PAPER ABOUT THE POLICE ROUNDING UP AN EXTORTION RING SELLING LIFE INSURANCE!

THE SCARLET AVENGER, WITH THE AID OF HIS CHIEF OPERATIVE, CLEARS UP ANOTHER MYSTERY IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS!

# Zambini

## THE MIRACLE MAN

RETURNING TO AMERICA AFTER A TOUR OF THE WORLD, ZAMBINI STOPS OFF IN KENTUCKY TO VISIT KARL GOOD, OWNER OF THE FAMOUS KARLSGOOD CAVERNS...





I HEAR THERE IS SOME TROUBLE HERE IN YOUR CAVERNS - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

I WISH I KNEW, ZAMBINI!



DON BENNETT, WHO HAS BEEN DOING EXPLORATORY WORK - HAS DISAPPEARED!



I FEEL SURE HE IS ALIVE BUT SO FAR WE'VE HAD NO LUCK TRYING TO FIND HIM!



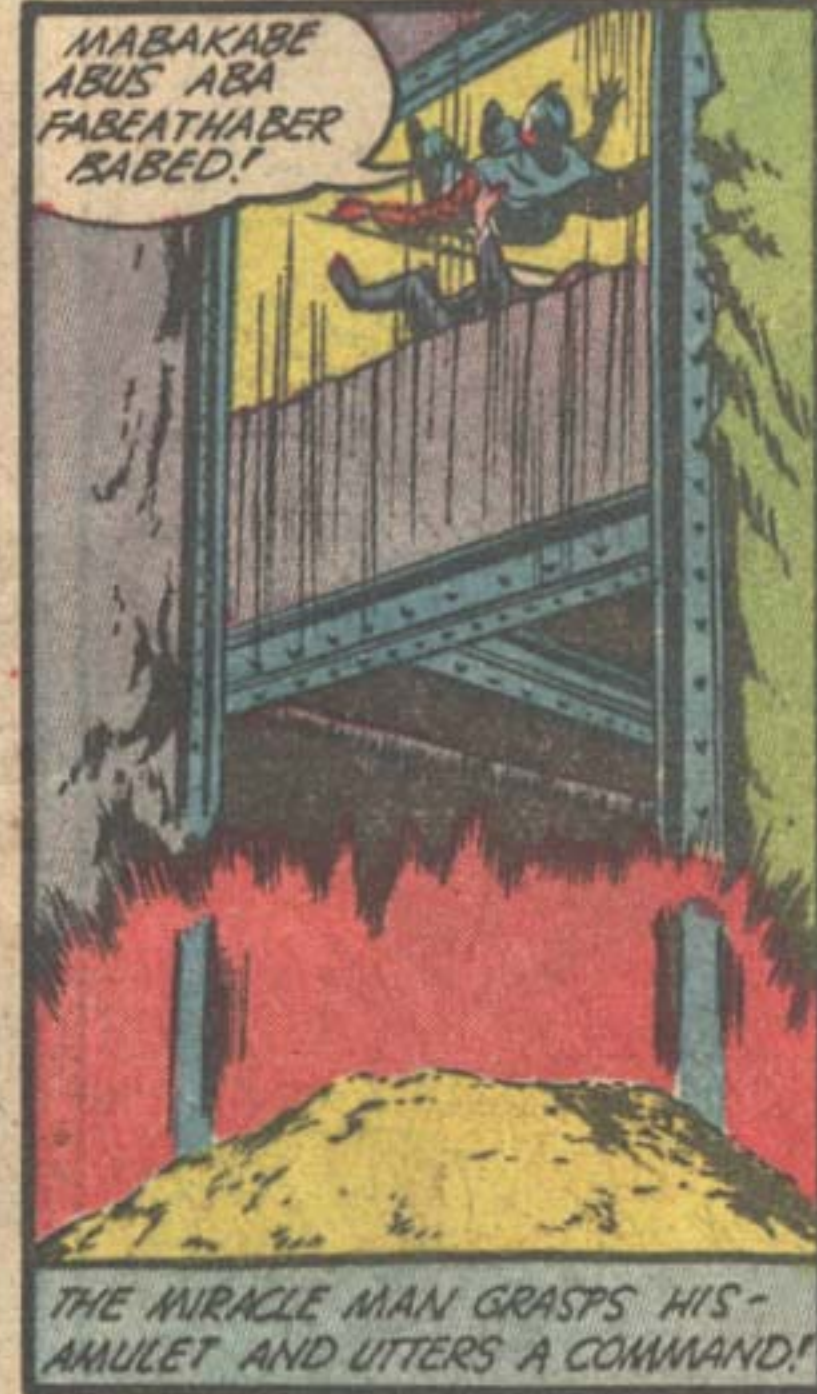
SUPPOSE WE GO DOWN AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND. PERHAPS I CAN BE OF SOME AID!



AS THEY DESCEND IN THE LIFT...

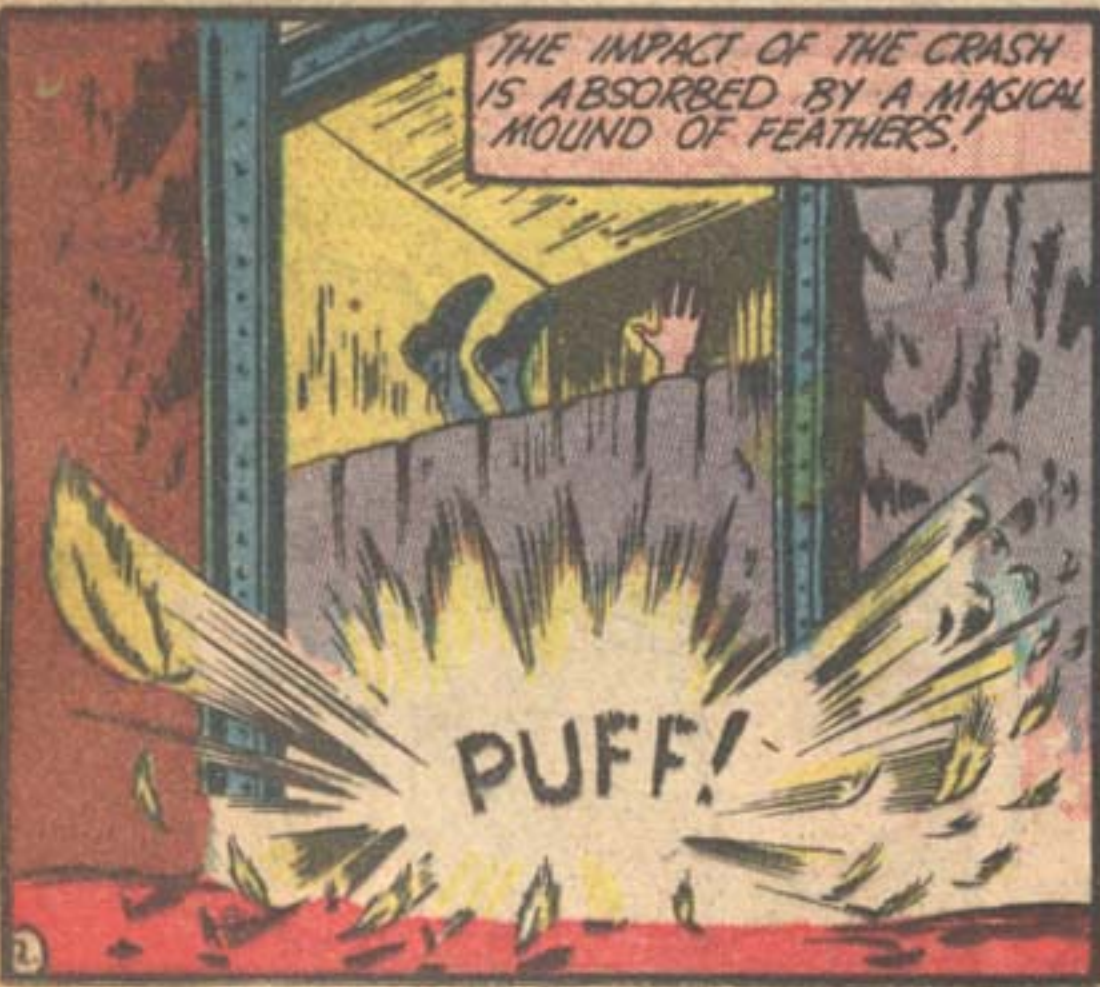
WE'RE FALLING!

YOU'RE RIGHT! THE CABLE MUST BE GIVING WAY!



MABAKABE ABUS ABA FABEATHABER BABED!

THE MIRACLE MAN GRASPS HIS-AMULET AND UTTERS A COMMAND!



THE IMPACT OF THE CRASH IS ABSORBED BY A MAGICAL MOUND OF FEATHERS!

PUFF!



GOOD BOY, ZAMBINI! YOU PROBABLY SAVED OUR LIVES!

I THINK I'M GOING TO BE MIGHTY GLAD YOU'RE AROUND!

THE MEN PROCEED THROUGH THE MAZE OF STALAGMITES AND STALACTITES.



THIS FORMATION IS CALLED THE 'SWORD OF DAMOCLES'! IT'S SUPPORTED BY A THIN SHAFT OF ROCK!



NOT ANY MORE IT ISN'T! LOOK OUT! IT'S FALLING!

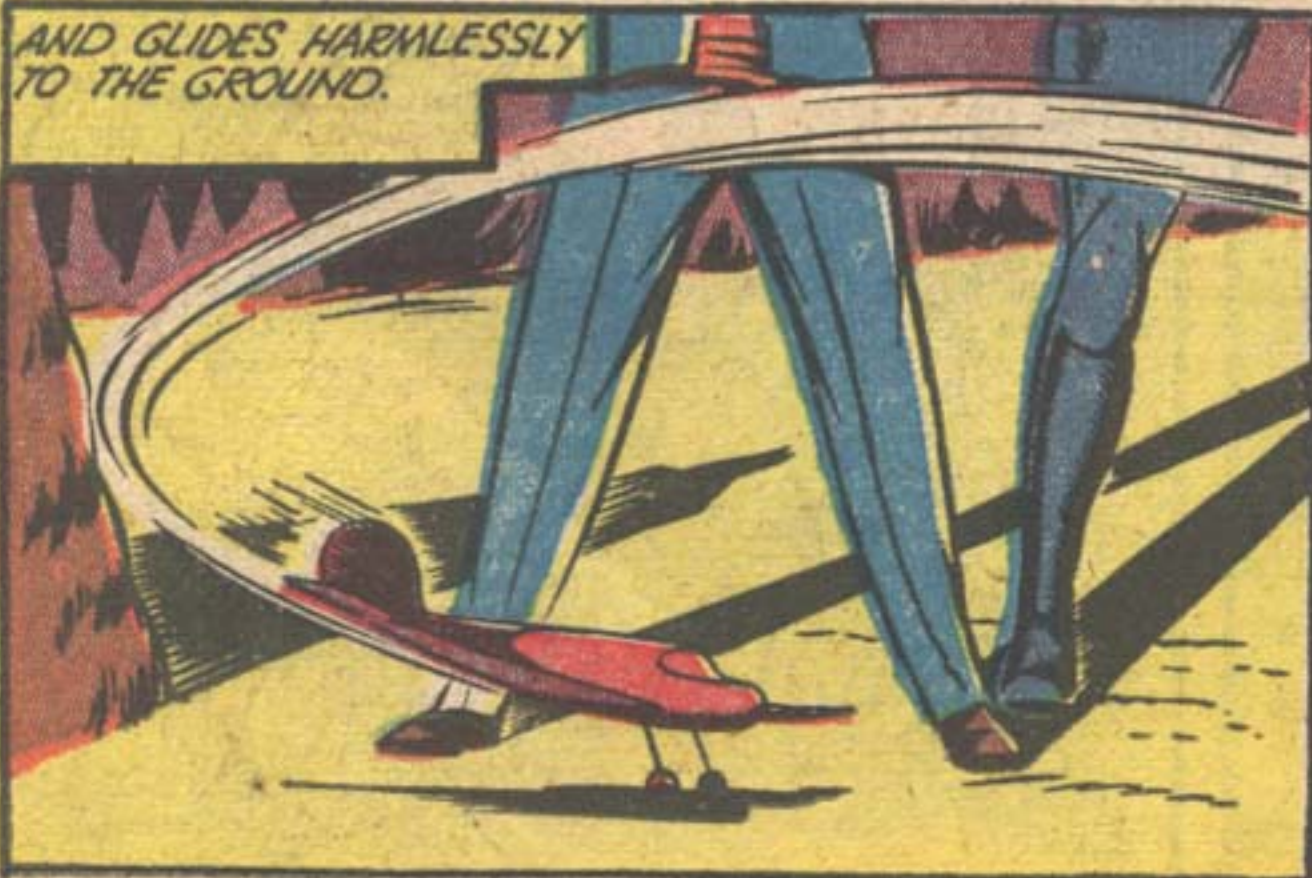


BABECABOME  
ABA MABOD ABEL  
ABAIRPLABANABE!

AT ZAMBINI'S GESTURE THE ROCK FORMATION IS TRANSFORMED INTO A MODEL AIRPLANE...



AND GLIDES HARMLESSLY TO THE GROUND.



ZAMBINI, THAT ROCK DIDN'T JUST FALL! IT WAS CUT AWAY FAR ENOUGH THAT THE VIBRATIONS OF OUR WALKING JARRED IT LOOSE!





IN THE SHADOWS UP AHEAD! LOOK! A MAN!



WHERE'D HE GO?

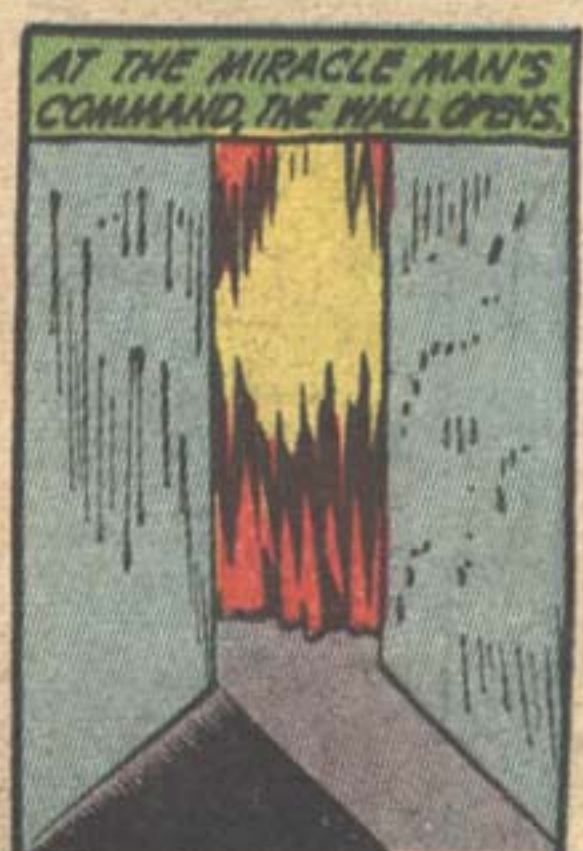
HE-HE JUST SEEMED TO VANISH INTO SOLID ROCK!



HMM! NOT AN OPENING ANYWHERE! UNLESS—



SABECRABET WABALL, ABOPABEN!



AT THE MIRACLE MAN'S COMMAND, THE WALL OPENS.



AS I THOUGHT—THE WALL WAS MERELY A SECRET DOOR! OTHERWISE I COULDN'T HAVE OPENED IT!

HURRY! THERE'S SOMEONE UP AHEAD!



THERE'S THE FELLOW WE SAW A MINUTE AGO!

DON'T LET HIM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT!

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CHIEF! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWED! WHAT'LL WE DO?



SOMEHOW, THEY MANAGED TO GET THROUGH THE SECRET WALL!

NEVER MIND! THEY CAN NEVER GET THIS FAR!



KEEP A LOOK-OUT! WHEN THEY ARE DIRECTLY OVER THE TRAP DOOR WE SHALL DROP THEM INTO THE LOST RIVER.



I HEAR WATER! WE MUST BE RIGHT OVER A SUBTERRANEAN STREAM!



PULL THE LEVER!



WE'RE BEING DROPPED INTO THE RIVER!



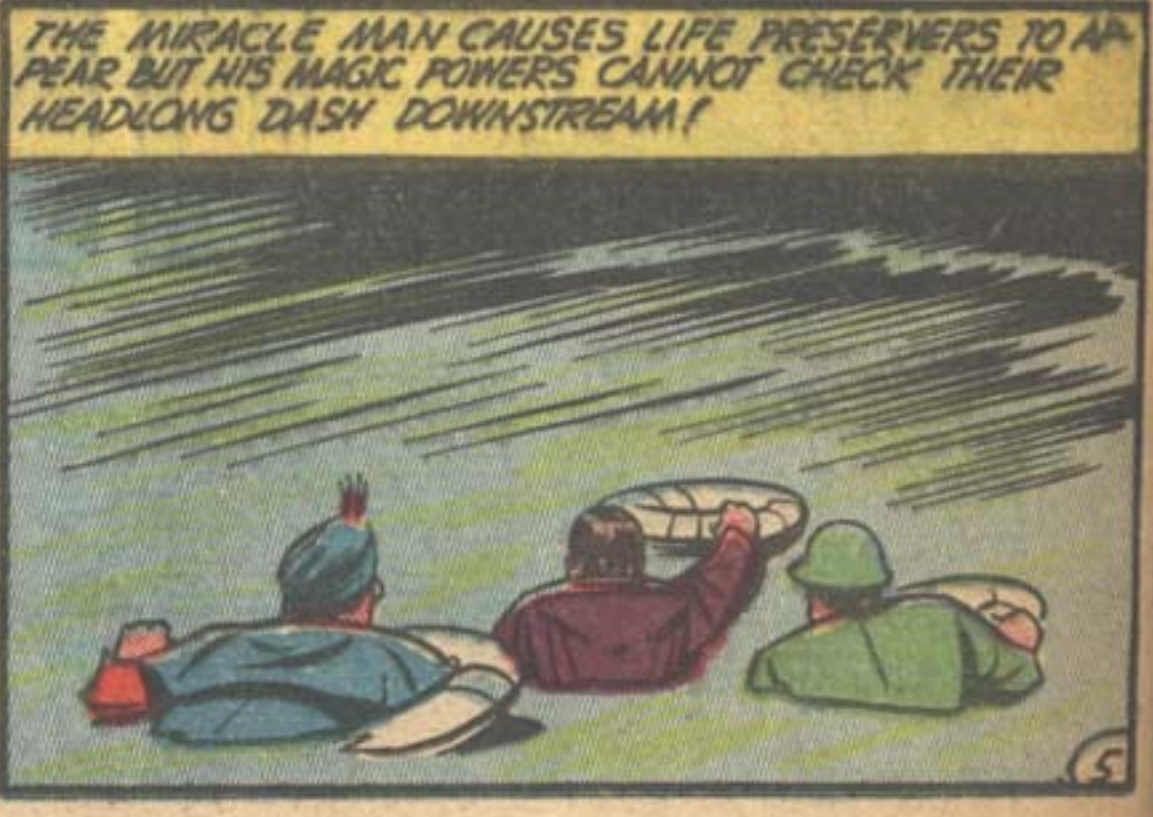
WHERE ARE WE? I CAN'T SEE A THING!

OUR HEAVY CLOTHES ARE DRAGGING US DOWN! WE'LL ALL BE DROWNED!



ZAMBINI GRASPS HIS MAGIC AMULET...

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THE MIRACLE MAN CAUSES LIFE PRESERVERS TO APPEAR BUT HIS MAGIC POWERS CANNOT CHECK THEIR HEADLONG DASH DOWNSTREAM!





WE'VE ALMOST REACHED THE END OF OUR TRAIL! BUT - LOOK!!

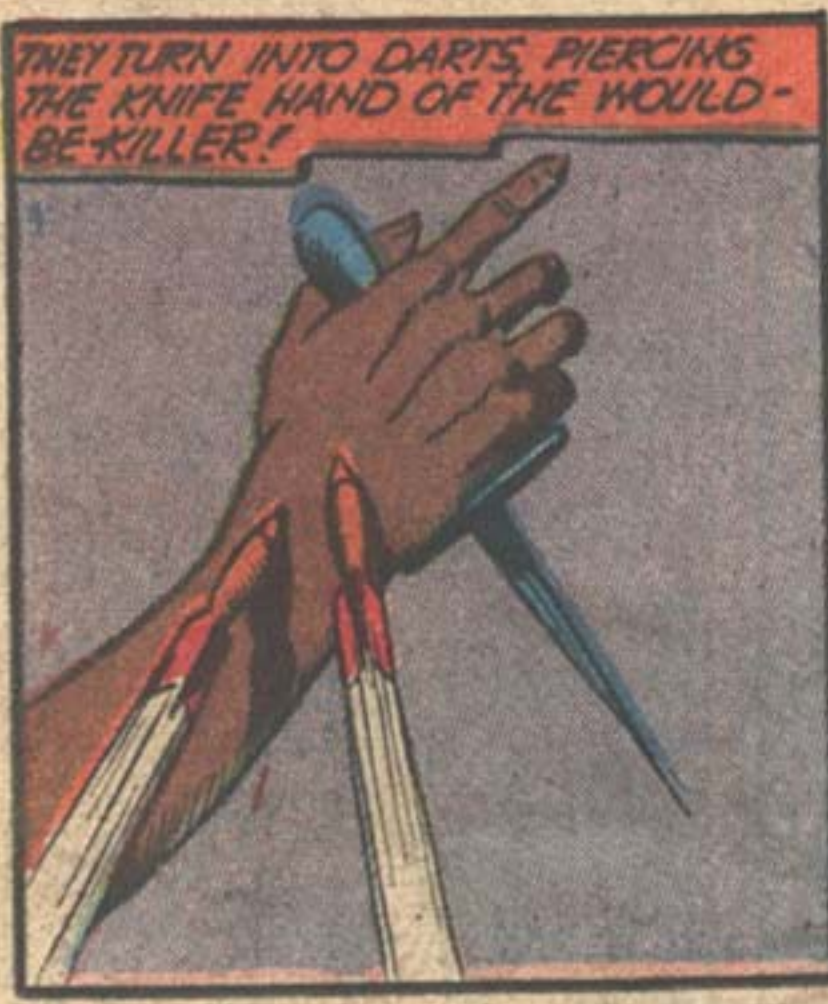
THAT'S DON! THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HIM!



BABATS TABURN ABINTABO SMABALL DABARTS!



THE BATS STREAK TOWARDS THE WEIRD FIGURES-AND THEN-



THEY TURN INTO DARTS, PIERCING THE KNIFE HAND OF THE WOULD-BE-KILLER!



HELP-THEM BATS AIN'T BATS!

YOW!



THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STRANGE TRIBE ARE PINNED TO THE WALL



ZAMBINI RUSHES INTO THE STRANGE ALTAR ROOM!



HERE IS THE LEADER OF THESE MEN!

IT'S- IT'S BILL MARTIN AND THE MARTIN GANG!



DON BENNETT EXPLAINS THE STRANGE STORY.

YOU SEE, ZAMBINI, IN EXPLORING THE CAVERNS FOR NEW PASSAGEWAYS, I STUMBLED IN HERE AND WAS TAKEN PRISONER! THE MARTIN GANG FOUND THIS ANCIENT INDIAN ALTAR ROOM BY ACCIDENT AND USED IT AS THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND LOOT ROOM!



WELL, ZAMBINI! YOU NOT ONLY SAVED DON'S LIFE, BUT SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF MY CAVERNS AS WELL AS CAPTURING THE MARTIN GANG!

ZAMBINI FANS HIS DECK OF MAGIC CARDS AND DEALS OUT ANOTHER THRILLING ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SIP COMICS!



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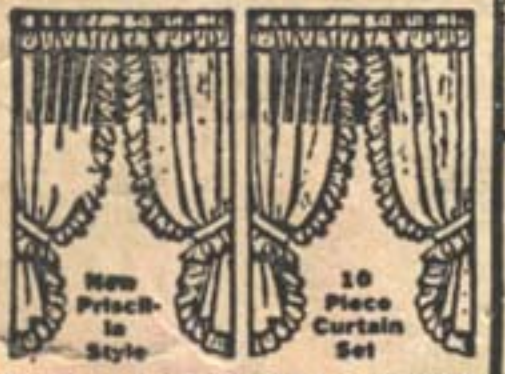
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What a pet! You will love it. Canary and cage both given for selling only two orders. WRITE TODAY.

Sent Express Collect.

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Curtain Set in refined white pattern, finished with 2 1/4 inch ruffles in color. Each curtain is 20x30 inches. 2 pairs, 4 Curtains, 4 Tie-Backs & 2 Ruffled Valances, 10 pieces in all. ALL GIVEN to you as one premium for distributing only one order. Postpaid

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Get this handsome instrument NOW. Here's How Just send your name and address (SEND NO MONEY). WE TRUST YOU with 28 pkts. of Garden Seeds to sell at 10c ea. a pkt. When sold send \$2.80 collected and WE WILL SEND this mahogany finished guitar and Five Minute Instruction Book absolutely FREE. Send for seeds NOW.

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Write for Seeds to: Lancaster County Seed Co., Sta. 393 Paradise, Pa.

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Latest Rubber Valve Type. Send No Money. Just name and address. Given for disposing of only 28 pkts. of Garden Spot Seeds at 10c a pkt. WRITE FOR SEEDS TODAY. Hurry! Be First.

SEND NO MONEY Just MAIL COUPON

## Blue Bird Granite Cooking Set



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See moon, stars and people miles away. Gives new pleasure. Always ready. Given for selling only one order. Send for seeds today.

MAIL COUPON TODAY for

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TRANSFER PICTURES

SIMULATION WRIST WATCH

G-MEN BADGE

THE MIDGET-TONED WHISTLE

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Our 34th Year

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